

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 44

Senators Johnson, Geiss, Lauwers, McMorrow, Santana and Theis offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to designate May 2025 as Motorcycle Safety
2 Awareness Month.

3 Whereas, Michigan has nearly 250,000 registered motorcycles
4 and more than 610,000 individuals who have operator licenses with a
5 motorcycle endorsement; and

6 Whereas, The safe operation of a motorcycle requires the use
7 of special skills developed through a combination of training and
8 expertise, the use of good judgment, plus a thorough knowledge of
9 traffic laws and licensing requirements; and

10 Whereas, The use of proper protective riding apparel is an
11 important part of a motorcycle operator's responsibility; and

12 Whereas, Motorcycle safety awareness advocacy is a cooperative
13 effort to decrease the number of injuries and fatalities associated

1 with motorcycling; and

2 Whereas, The promotion of motorcycle rider education programs
3 available through the Michigan Department of State, including
4 recommendations that motorcycle operators wear the proper gear, in
5 addition to driving their vehicles defensively and cautiously, is
6 intended to reduce the number of crashes; and

7 Whereas, The emergence of spring is synonymous with the return
8 of motorcycle enthusiasts to our state's roadways. Throughout
9 Michigan, motorcyclists have been on the cutting edge of supporting
10 the wise and sensible use of this enjoyable mode of travel; and

11 Whereas, Indeed, the disproportionate number of motorcycle
12 fatalities make it vitally important to encourage motorcyclists to
13 understand and practice the highest degree of safety. It is also
14 important to remind other drivers that highway safety is beneficial
15 to all parties traveling on public roadways; and

16 Whereas, Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month encourages
17 motorcycle operators to don proper protective riding attire,
18 maintain their motorcycles using safety and maintenance checks
19 found in the owner's manual, abide by the laws of the road, and
20 implement operating techniques providing an additional standard of
21 safety; and

22 Whereas, Car and truck drivers are informed of the fact that
23 motorcyclists are resuming their travels on our public roadways and
24 each is advised to be exceptionally vigilant and watchful when
25 approaching or passing a motorcycle on the highway and to "look
26 twice to save a life"; now, therefore, be it

27 Resolved by the Senate, That the members of this legislative
28 body designate May 2025 as Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month. We
29 encourage all of Michigan's citizens to participate in the aims and

1 goals of this effort.