

MICHIGAN SENATE

Senate Resolution No. 44

Offered by Senators Johnson, Geiss, Lauwers, McMorrow, Santana and Theis

A RESOLUTION TO DESIGNATE MAY 2025 AS MOTORCYCLE SAFETY AWARENESS MONTH

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

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

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

WHEREAS, Motorcycle safety awareness advocacy is a cooperative effort to decrease the number of injuries and fatalities associated with motorcycling; and

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

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

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

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

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

RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, That the members of this legislative body designate May 2025 as Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month. We encourage all of Michigan's citizens to participate in the aims and goals of this effort.

Adopted by the Senate, May 13, 2025.



Secretary of the Senate