

## SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 44

Senator Johnson 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  
14 with motorcycling; and

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

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

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

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

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

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