

SENATE RESOLUTION NO.36

Senator Barrett, Ananich, Bayer, Bizon, Brinks, Bumstead, Daley, Geiss, Hollier, Horn, Irwin, Johnson, Lucido, MacGregor, McCann, McMorro, Santana, VanderWall, Victory, Wojno and Zorn offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to designate May 2019 as Motorcycle Safety
2 Awareness Month.

3 Whereas, Michigan has 243,483 registered motorcycles and
4 503,110 individuals who have operator licenses with a motorcycle
5 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

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

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

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

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

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

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

26 Whereas, Car and truck drivers are informed of the fact that
27 motorcyclists are resuming their travels on our public roadways and
28 each is advised to be exceptionally vigilant and watchful when
29 approaching or passing a motorcycle on the highway; now, therefore

1 be it

2 Resolved by the Senate, That the members of this legislative
3 body designate May 2019 as Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month in the
4 state of Michigan. We encourage all of Michigan's citizens to
5 participate in the aims and goals of this effort.