

SENATE RESOLUTION NO.134

Senators VanderWall, Bumstead, LaSata, Johnson, Bayer, Chang, Geiss, Santana and Wojno offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to designate May 2022 as Motorcycle Safety
2 Awareness Month.

3 Whereas, Michigan has 255,832 registered motorcycles and
4 542,809 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, and 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

1 Whereas, The advocacy of motorcycle safety awareness is a
2 cooperative effort to decrease the number of injuries and
3 fatalities associated with motorcycling; and

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

9 Whereas, The emergence of spring is synonymous with the return
10 of motorcycle enthusiasts to our roadways. Throughout Michigan,
11 motorcyclists are on the cutting edge of supporting the wise and
12 sensible use of this enjoyable mode of travel; and

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

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

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

28 Resolved by the Senate, That the members of this legislative
29 body designate May 2022 as Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month. We

- 1 encourage all of Michigan's citizens to participate in the aims and
- 2 goals of this safety effort.