

MICHIGAN SENATE

Senate Resolution No. 56

Offered by Senators VanderWall and Horn

A RESOLUTION TO DESIGNATE MAY 2021
AS MOTORCYCLE SAFETY AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS, Michigan has 243,483 registered motorcycles and 503,110 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, and 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, The advocacy of motorcycle safety awareness 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 roadways. Throughout Michigan, motorcyclists are on the cutting edge of supporting the wise and sensible use of this enjoyable mode of travel; and

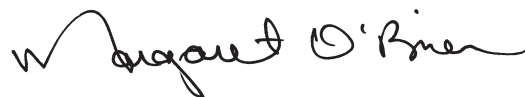
WHEREAS, Indeed, the disproportionate number of motorcycle fatalities make it vitally important to encourage motorcyclists to understand and practice the highest degree of safety. It is also important to remind other drivers that highway safety is beneficial to all parties traveling on public roadways;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

WHEREAS, Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month encourages motorcycle operators to wear 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 that provide 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 all are advised to be exceptionally vigilant and watchful when approaching or passing a motorcycle; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, That the members of this legislative body designate May 2021 as Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month. We encourage all of Michigan's citizens to participate in the aims and goals of this safety effort.

Adopted by the Senate, May 26, 2021.



Secretary of the Senate