

SENATE RESOLUTION NO.56

Senator VanderWall offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to designate May 2021 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, 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

12 Whereas, The advocacy of motorcycle safety awareness is a

1 cooperative effort to decrease the number of injuries and
2 fatalities associated with motorcycling; and

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

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

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

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

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

27 Resolved by the Senate, That the members of this legislative
28 body designate May 2021 as Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month. We
29 encourage all of Michigan's citizens to participate in the aims and

1 goals of this safety effort.