

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 98

Reps. VanderWall, Alexander, Bezotte, Brabec, Breen, Glanville, Liberati, Rheingans, Rogers, Snyder, Wilson and Young offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to declare May 2023 as Motorcycle Safety
2 Awareness Month in the state of Michigan.

3 Whereas, Michigan has 187,402 registered motorcycles and
4 536,512 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

10 Whereas, The use of proper protective riding apparel is an

1 important part of a motorcycle operator's responsibility; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

1 Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of
2 this legislative body declare May 2023 as Motorcycle Safety
3 Awareness Month in the state of Michigan. We encourage all of
4 Michigan's citizens to participate in the aims and goals of this
5 effort.