

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 240

Reps. Brenda Carter, Aiyash, Alexander, Bezotte, Bollin, Brabec, Breen, Tyrone Carter, Glanville, Haadsma, Hill, Hope, MacDonell, McFall, Morgan, Paiz, Rheingans, Schuette, Shannon, Thompson, Weiss, Wilson, Xiong and Young offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to declare May 2024 as Motorcycle Safety
2 Awareness Month in the state of Michigan.

3 Whereas, Michigan has 232,316 registered motorcycles and
4 608,834 individuals who have operator licenses with a motorcycle
5 endorsement; and

6 Whereas, The state of Michigan has many citizens who are
7 concerned about motorcycle safety while touring, during recreation,
8 and in daily transportation; and

9 Whereas, The month of May is the nationally recognized month

1 motorcycles become more prevalent on our streets; the need to be
2 more aware of their presence is of the utmost urgency; and

3 Whereas, Due to the Pure Michigan advertising campaign and the
4 modification of the Michigan Helmet Law, many out of state riders
5 will be visiting our state and using our roads; and

6 Whereas, In 2022, there were 3,138 motorcycle crashes on
7 Michigan roads with 173 riders killed and 2,965 injured; and

8 Whereas, An overwhelming number of collisions between cars and
9 motorcycles could be avoided with due regard, respect, and
10 awareness of motorcycles on the streets and intersections of this
11 state; and

12 Whereas, The inclusion of motorcycle awareness provided by
13 ABATE of Michigan as a distinct part of the driver education
14 curriculum and motorcycle rider education programs will help to
15 promote safe driving and motorcycle riding practices, and

16 Whereas, It is in the interest of our community and the
17 citizens of the state of Michigan to note the increase in the
18 amount of motorcycle traffic as we enter the warm months, to enable
19 the reduction of accidents and injuries involving motorcyclists;
20 now, therefore, be it

21 Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of
22 this legislative body declare May 2024 as Motorcycle Safety
23 Awareness Month in the state of Michigan. We recognize the vital
24 importance of fostering a culture of safety and mutual respect on
25 our roads, echoing the values championed by our fellow riders and
26 organizations like ABATE of Michigan. May drivers and riders alike
27 work together to foster this spirit of camaraderie, ensuring a
28 vigilant, respectful coexistence that safeguards our roads.