

# HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 240

Rep. Brenda Carter 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  
10 motorcycles become more prevalent on our streets; the need to be  
11 more aware of their presence is of the utmost urgency; and

12           Whereas, Due to the Pure Michigan advertising campaign and the

1 modification of the Michigan Helmet Law, many out of state riders  
2 will be visiting our state and using our roads; and

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

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

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

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

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