



SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 17-038

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CONCERNING THE DESIGNATION OF MAY 2017 AS  
"MOTORCYCLE SAFETY AWARENESS MONTH".

WHEREAS, The month of May marks the traditional start of the motorcycle riding season; and

WHEREAS, Motorcycles occupy a significant place in Colorado and American history, having made contributions to numerous military campaigns, law enforcement operations, and the culture of the American West; and

WHEREAS, Over 8 million motorcycles are registered in the United States, with over 190,000 registered in Colorado, and are used on public roads and highways, providing reliable day-to-day transportation and recreational opportunities; and

WHEREAS, Because of their light weight, fuel efficiency, and low impact on our highways, motorcycle use should be encouraged as a viable transportation alternative; and

WHEREAS, Motorcycles take up less space on our highways and parking areas thus reducing traffic congestion; and

WHEREAS, Motorcyclists are provided legal access to federally funded High Occupancy Vehicle lanes for increasing traffic flow while giving motorcyclists a safer environment for travel; and

WHEREAS, Riders and passengers of motorcycles face countless hazards and unforeseen circumstances on the road; and

WHEREAS, 125 motorcyclists were killed on Colorado roadways last year; and

WHEREAS, State and national "Share the Road" campaigns have been created to remind drivers of other vehicles and all motorists to be extra alert in order to increase motorcyclists' safety; and

WHEREAS, Studies show that many motorcyclists involved in accidents were without formal rider training; and

WHEREAS, Many causes of motorcycle crashes may be attributed to lack of experience or failure to appreciate the unique operating characteristics and limitations of motorcycles, as well as the failure of other motorists to share the road with motorcyclists; and

WHEREAS, The motorcycling community has made an ongoing commitment to increasing awareness of appropriate safety measures, and increased participation in rider-training programs; and


WHEREAS, Many rider-training programs are offered throughout Colorado, both for beginner and experienced riders to prepare them to operate a motorcycle in the safest possible manner; and

WHEREAS, Rider education, training, and motorcycle awareness are important steps in motorcycle accident prevention; now, therefore,

*Be It Resolved by the Senate of the Seventy-first General Assembly of the State of Colorado, the House of Representatives concurring herein:*

That we, the members of the Colorado General Assembly, recognize and designate May 2017 as "Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month" to promote safety for all motorcycle riders through education and training and to encourage all motorists to "share the road" in Colorado.

*Be It Further Resolved,* That copies of this Joint Resolution be sent to Lieutenant Governor Donna Lynne; the American Motorcyclist Association; the Motorcycle Riders Foundation; ABATE of Colorado; the Gold Wing Road Riders Association, Colorado district; Thunder Roads Colorado magazine; Motorcycle Rider News; BMW Motorcycle Owners of America; the Harley Owners Group (H.O.G.); the Powersports Dealers Association of Colorado; the Colorado Confederation of Clubs and the Coalition of Independent Riders; and the Colorado Motorcycle Trail Riders Association.



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