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**SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 26-024**

101 **CONCERNING THE DESIGNATION OF MAY 2026 AS "MOTORCYCLE**  
102 **SAFETY AWARENESS MONTH".**

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

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

7 WHEREAS, Over 8 million motorcycles are registered in the  
8 United States, with over 200,000 registered in Colorado, and they are  
9 used on public roads and highways, providing reliable day-to-day  
10 transportation and recreational opportunities; and

*Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.  
Capital letters or bold & italic numbers indicate new material to be added to existing law.  
Dashes through the words or numbers indicate deletions from existing law.*

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

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

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

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

11           WHEREAS, 147 motorcyclists were killed on Colorado roadways  
12 last year; and

13           WHEREAS, State and national "Share the Road" campaigns have  
14 been created to remind all motorists to be extra alert in order to increase  
15 motorcyclists' safety; and

16           WHEREAS, Studies show that many motorcyclists involved in  
17 accidents did not have formal rider training; and

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

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

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

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

30           *Be It Resolved by the Senate of the Seventy-fifth General Assembly*

1 *of the State of Colorado, the House of Representatives concurring herein:*

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3 That we, the members of the Colorado General Assembly,  
4 recognize and designate May 2026 as "Motorcycle Safety Awareness  
5 Month" to promote safety for all motorcycle riders through education and  
6 training and to encourage all motorists to share the road in Colorado.

7 *Be It Further Resolved,* That copies of this Joint Resolution be sent  
8 to ABATE of Colorado.