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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 16-038

101 CONCERNING THE DESIGNATION OF MAY 2016 AS "MOTORCYCLE
102 SAFETY AWARENESS MONTH".

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 United
4 States 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 180,000 registered in Colorado, and are used on
9 public roads and highways, providing weekend recreation as well as
10 reliable day-to-day transportation; and

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.
Capital letters indicate new material to be added to existing statute.
Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.

SENATE
Final Reading
April 29, 2016

1 WHEREAS, Operators and occupants of motorcycles and
2 automobiles alike face countless dangers and unforeseen circumstances
3 on the road; and

4 WHEREAS, State and national "share the road" campaigns have
5 been created to remind drivers of all other vehicles and all road users to
6 safely share the road with motorcyclists and to be extra alert in order to
7 increase motorcyclists' safety; and

8 WHEREAS, As of 2014, there were 4,295 motorcycle fatalities in
9 the United States, accounting for 13% of all motor vehicle-related deaths
10 that year; and

11 WHEREAS, In Colorado, from 2012 to 2014, there were over 250
12 motorcycle fatalities; and

13 WHEREAS, Approximately 15% of motorcycle crashes that result
14 in hospitalization in the state take place in nontraffic situations, such as
15 in parking lots, driveways, on nonpublic roadways, or off-road; and

16 WHEREAS, Many causes of motorcycle crashes may be attributed
17 to lack of experience or failure to appreciate the inherent operating
18 characteristics and limitations of a motorcycle, as well as the failure of
19 other highway users to "share the road" with motorcyclists; and

20 WHEREAS, According to a study conducted by the University of
21 Southern California, the Hurt Report, funded by the Department of
22 Transportation's National Highway of Traffic Safety Administration,
23 motorcycle riders involved in accidents were largely without formal
24 training, with 92% being self-taught riders; and

25 WHEREAS, In response to such dangers to motorists, the
26 motorcycling community has made an ongoing commitment to increasing
27 awareness of appropriate safety measures and participation in
28 rider-training programs; and

29 WHEREAS, The Motorcycle Safety Foundation, a national
30 not-for-profit organization, developed the curriculum for the Motorcycle
31 Operator Safety Training program, which is offered throughout Colorado,
32 for both beginner and experienced riders to prepare them to ride a
33 motorcycle in the safest possible manner; and

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

4 *Be It Resolved by the Senate of the Seventieth General Assembly*
5 *of the State of Colorado, the House of Representatives concurring herein:*

6 That we, the members of the Colorado General Assembly,
7 recognize and designate May 2016 as "Motorcycle Safety Awareness
8 Month" to promote safety for all motorcycle riders through education and
9 training and to encourage all motorists to "share the road" in Colorado.

10 *Be It Further Resolved,* That copies of this Joint Resolution be sent
11 to Lieutenant Governor Joe Garcia; the American Motorcyclist
12 Association; the Motorcycle Riders Foundation; ABATE of Colorado; the
13 Gold Wing Road Riders Association, Colorado district; Thunder Roads
14 Colorado magazine; Motorcycle Rider News; BMW Motorcycle Owners
15 of America; the Harley Owners Group (H.O.G.); the Powersports Dealers
16 Association of Colorado; and the Colorado Motorcycle Trail Riders
17 Association.