

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 55th Legislature (2015)

3 SENATE CONCURRENT
4 RESOLUTION 15

By: Paddack of the Senate

5 and

6 Thomsen of the House

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8 AS INTRODUCED

9 A Concurrent Resolution declaring May as Motorcycle
10 Safety Awareness Month in the State of Oklahoma;
11 encouraging the motoring public to be more aware of
12 motorcycles; encouraging all riders to seek and
13 receive appropriate training; and directing
14 distribution.

15 WHEREAS, nearly 127,000 of the eight million motorcyclists
16 nationwide are riders in the State of Oklahoma; and

17 WHEREAS, motorcycles are a valuable component of the
18 transportation community, as they are fuel-efficient and decrease
19 traffic congestion while having little impact on the state's
20 transportation infrastructure; and

21 WHEREAS, the United States is the world leader in motorcycle
22 safety, promoting education, training, licensing, use of protective
23 gear, and motorcycle awareness; and
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1 WHEREAS, the motorcycling community has committed themselves to
2 decreasing motorcycle crashes and fatalities through training,
3 education, enforcement, and increased public awareness; and

4 WHEREAS, following proper safety procedures and being cautious
5 of other drivers and riders ensures the safety of Oklahoma's public;
6 and

7 WHEREAS, approximately 56 people were killed in motorcycle
8 accidents in 2014, a decrease from 92 motorcycle fatalities in 2013.
9 Due to motorcycle safety training, education, and awareness from the
10 Oklahoma Highway Patrol, the Oklahoma Department of Transportation,
11 the Oklahoma Highway Safety Office, the Oklahoma Turnpike Authority,
12 the Edmond and Oklahoma City Police Departments, and ABATE,
13 Oklahoma's number of motorcycle fatalities is decreasing; and

14 WHEREAS, the National Highway Safety Administration actively
15 promotes Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month, encouraging riders to
16 wear the proper protective and safety gear, never drink and ride,
17 have proper licensing, and to seek proper safety training before
18 taking to the road.

19 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 1ST SESSION
20 OF THE 55TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
21 CONCURRING THEREIN:

22 THAT the Oklahoma Legislature declares May as Motorcycle Safety
23 Awareness Month in the State of Oklahoma.

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1 THAT the Oklahoma Legislature encourages Oklahoma drivers to be
2 more aware of motorcycles.

3 THAT the Oklahoma Legislature encourages all riders to seek and
4 receive appropriate training.

5 THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to Oklahoma
6 Department of Public Safety Commissioner, Mike Thompson; Oklahoma
7 Department of Transportation Executive Director, Mike Patterson;
8 Oklahoma Highway Safety Office Director, Garry Thomas; Oklahoma
9 Highway Patrol Chief Colonel, Ricky Adams; and Oklahoma Highway
10 Patrol Captain David Moffit, Interim Troop Commander, Troop MC.

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