

1 **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION**

2 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

3 1st Session of the 55th Legislature (2015)

4 ENGROSSED SENATE
5 CONCURRENT
6 RESOLUTION NO. 15

7 By: Paddack, Allen, Anderson,
8 Barrington, Bass, Bice,
9 Bingman, Boggs, Brecheen,
10 Brinkley, Brooks, Brown,
11 Crain, Dahm, David, Fields,
12 Floyd, Ford, Fry, Garrison,
13 Griffin, Halligan, Holt,
14 Jech, Jolley, Justice,
15 Loveless, Marlatt,
16 Matthews, Mazzei, Newberry,
17 Pittman, Quinn, Schulz,
18 Sharp, Shaw, Shortey, Silk,
19 Simpson, Smalley, Sparks,
20 Standridge, Stanislowski,
21 Sykes, Thompson, Treat,
22 Wyrick, and Yen of the
23 Senate

24 and

Thomsen of the House

25 A Concurrent Resolution declaring May as Motorcycle
26 Safety Awareness Month in the State of Oklahoma;
27 encouraging the motoring public to be more aware of
28 motorcycles; encouraging all riders to seek and
29 receive appropriate training; and directing
30 distribution.

31 WHEREAS, nearly 127,000 of the eight million motorcyclists
32 nationwide are riders in the State of Oklahoma; and
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1 WHEREAS, motorcycles are a valuable component of the
2 transportation community, as they are fuel-efficient and decrease
3 traffic congestion while having little impact on the state's
4 transportation infrastructure; and

5 WHEREAS, the United States is the world leader in motorcycle
6 safety, promoting education, training, licensing, use of protective
7 gear, and motorcycle awareness; and

8 WHEREAS, the motorcycling community has committed themselves to
9 decreasing motorcycle crashes and fatalities through training,
10 education, enforcement, and increased public awareness; and

11 WHEREAS, following proper safety procedures and being cautious
12 of other drivers and riders ensures the safety of Oklahoma's public;
13 and

14 WHEREAS, approximately 56 people were killed in motorcycle
15 accidents in 2014, a decrease from 92 motorcycle fatalities in 2013.
16 Due to motorcycle safety training, education, and awareness from the
17 Oklahoma Highway Patrol, the Oklahoma Department of Transportation,
18 the Oklahoma Highway Safety Office, the Oklahoma Turnpike Authority,
19 the Edmond and Oklahoma City Police Departments, and ABATE,
20 Oklahoma's number of motorcycle fatalities is decreasing; and

21 WHEREAS, the National Highway Safety Administration actively
22 promotes Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month, encouraging riders to
23 wear the proper protective and safety gear, never drink and ride,
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1 have proper licensing, and to seek proper safety training before
2 taking to the road.

3 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 1ST SESSION
4 OF THE 55TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
5 CONCURRING THEREIN:

6 THAT the Oklahoma Legislature declares May as Motorcycle Safety
7 Awareness Month in the State of Oklahoma.

8 THAT the Oklahoma Legislature encourages Oklahoma drivers to be
9 more aware of motorcycles.

10 THAT the Oklahoma Legislature encourages all riders to seek and
11 receive appropriate training.

12 THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to Oklahoma
13 Department of Public Safety Commissioner, Mike Thompson; Oklahoma
14 Department of Transportation Executive Director, Mike Patterson;
15 Oklahoma Highway Safety Office Director, Garry Thomas; Oklahoma
16 Highway Patrol Chief Colonel, Ricky Adams; and Oklahoma Highway
17 Patrol Captain David Moffit, Interim Troop Commander, Troop MC.

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