
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

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A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the month of May 2018 as "Motorcycle Safety
2 Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, In 2016, there were 5,286 motorcyclists killed in
4 traffic crashes across the United States, a 5% increase from
5 2015, which accounted for 14% of the total highway fatalities
6 from 2016; and

7 WHEREAS, In 2016, there were 192 motorcycle fatalities in
8 this Commonwealth, a 7% increase from 2015; and

9 WHEREAS, The total number of motorcycle crashes increased
10 from 3,413 in 2015 to 3,454 in 2016 in this Commonwealth; and

11 WHEREAS, This Commonwealth has witnessed too many lives lost
12 and people severely injured in motorcycle crashes, placing a
13 significant burden on our families and communities; and

14 WHEREAS, Motorcyclists should consider better ways to enhance
15 motorcycle safety, such as attending free training provided by
16 the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation's Motorcycle
17 Safety Program, wearing reflective clothing, always riding sober

1 and obeying all speed limits; and

2 WHEREAS, Motorists sharing the road with motorcyclists are
3 reminded to enhance motorcycle safety by not driving distracted,
4 checking mirrors and blind spots before changing lanes and at
5 intersections, allowing more following distance and respecting a
6 motorcycle as a full-size vehicle; and

7 WHEREAS, The General Assembly has taken action to reinforce
8 its commitment to motorcycle safety and continues to focus on
9 legislative priorities that bring motorcyclists and motorists
10 home safely every day; therefore be it

11 RESOLVED, That the Senate designate the month of May 2018 as
12 "Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania; and be it
13 further

14 RESOLVED, That the Senate encourage motorcyclists and
15 motorists to "share the road" to reduce motorcyclist deaths and
16 injuries.