

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 1011

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION, Encouraging pedestrians and bicyclists to wear brightly colored clothing when using a public highway and for motorists to watch for pedestrians and bicyclists.

WHEREAS, in 2010, 4,280 pedestrians and 620 bicyclists were killed nationwide in traffic accidents; and

WHEREAS, pedestrian and bicyclist deaths make up approximately fourteen percent of all traffic fatalities nationwide; and

WHEREAS, more South Dakotans are walking and bicycling to improve their health and are using public highways to do so; and

WHEREAS, on many South Dakota highways with little or no highway shoulders, the exposed nature of walking and bicycling to motor vehicle traffic is high; and

WHEREAS, nationwide twenty-five percent of bicycle deaths occurred between 9:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. and another twenty-two percent occurred between 6:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m.; and

WHEREAS, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration suggests that pedestrians and bicyclists increase their visibility by wearing brightly colored clothing and placing reflective tape on their equipment or clothing; and

WHEREAS, educating pedestrians, bicyclists, and motorists about how to safely share a public highway is more effective than enacting additional legislation:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the House of Representatives of the Eighty-Eighth Legislature of the State of South Dakota, the Senate concurring therein, in order to increase safety for pedestrians and bicyclists who use public highways in the state, that pedestrians and bicyclists be urged to wear brightly colored clothing and place reflective tape on their equipment when using public highways; and that motorists be advised to closely watch for pedestrians and bicyclists who are using public highways of the state.

Adopted by the House of Representatives,  
Concurred in by the Senate,

February 25, 2013  
February 27, 2013

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Speaker of the House

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