**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO PROCLAIM MAY 2016 AS “MOTORCYCLE SAFETY AWARENESS MONTH” THROUGHOUT THE STATE, TO ENCOURAGE ALL SOUTH CAROLINIANS TO BE AWARE OF MOTORCYCLISTS WHO SHARE OUR ROADS AND HIGHWAYS, AND TO URGE ALL CITIZENS TO WORK TOGETHER TO REDUCE MOTORCYCLE‑RELATED CRASHES, INJURIES, AND FATALITIES.

Whereas, in the year 2015, one hundred thirty‑seven motorcyclists lost their lives and 1,729 motorcyclists were injured in the State of South Carolina; and

Whereas, to help prevent such loss of life and injuries, the members of the South Carolina Senate ask every automobile driver to “look twice, save a life,” as urged by the Motorcycle Awareness campaign; and

Whereas, further, the Senate encourages all motorcyclists to take advantage of advanced rider education to reduce their risk of death or injury, and the members remind all South Carolinians to think twice before driving in an impaired condition; and

Whereas, other excellent safety practices for motorcyclists include carrying increased insurance coverage, inspecting motorcycles before each ride, and wearing the right protective gear to reduce abrasions and injuries in case of accident; and

Whereas, finally, the Senate asks that every state agency work toward providing safety for all motorcyclists through awareness programs, road maintenance, and motorcycle training programs. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved:

That the members of the South Carolina Senate, by this resolution, proclaim May 2016 as “Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month” throughout the State, encourage all South Carolinians to be aware of motorcyclists who share our roads and highways, and urge all citizens to work together to reduce motorcycle‑related crashes, injuries, and fatalities.

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