

1 **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION**

2 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

3 2nd Session of the 54th Legislature (2014)

4 ENGROSSED SENATE
5 CONCURRENT
6 RESOLUTION NO. 38

By: Paddack, Aldridge, Allen,
Anderson, Ballenger,
Barrington, Bass, Bingman,
Boggs, Branan, Brecheen,
Brinkley, Brooks, Brown,
Burrage, Coates, Crain,
Dahm, David, Ellis, Fields,
Ford, Garrison, Griffin,
Halligan, Holt, Ivester,
Johnson (Constance), Johnson
(Rob), Jolley, Justice,
Loveless, Marlatt, Mazzei,
McAffrey, Newberry, Schulz,
Sharp, Shaw, Shortey,
Shumate, Simpson, Sparks,
Standridge, Stanislawski,
Sykes, Treat and Wyrick of
the Senate

and

Thomsen of the House

18 A Concurrent Resolution declaring May as Motorcycle
19 Safety Awareness Month in the State of Oklahoma;
20 encouraging the motoring public to be more aware of
21 motorcycles; encouraging all riders to seek and
22 receive appropriate training; and directing
23 distribution.

1 WHEREAS, there are nearly 6.7 million motorcyclists nationwide
2 and 127,000 in the State of Oklahoma who ride on our roads and
3 highways to commute, travel and recreate; and

4 WHEREAS, motorcycles are a valuable component of the
5 transportation community, as they are fuel-efficient and decrease
6 traffic congestion while having little impact on our transportation
7 infrastructure; and

8 WHEREAS, the United States is the world leader in motorcycle
9 safety, promoting education, training, licensing, use of protective
10 gear and motorcycle awareness; and

11 WHEREAS, the motorcycling community is committed to decreasing
12 motorcycle crashes through licensing, training, education,
13 enforcement, personal responsibility and increased public awareness;
14 and

15 WHEREAS, approximately 84 people are killed and 660 more are
16 injured annually in motorcycle accidents in Oklahoma. Due to an
17 increase in motorcycle safety, training, education and awareness
18 from the Oklahoma Highway Patrol, the Oklahoma Department of
19 Transportation, the Oklahoma Highway Safety Office, the Oklahoma
20 Turnpike Authority, the Edmond and Oklahoma City Police Departments,
21 ABATE, and various "Grass Routes" organizations, Oklahoma can have a
22 sharp reduction of motorcycle accidents statewide; and

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1 WHEREAS, it is important that motorcyclists and other drivers be
2 cautious and courteous of each other to ensure the safety of
3 Oklahoma's motoring public; and

4 WHEREAS, the National Highway Safety Administration actively
5 promotes Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month to encourage riders to
6 always wear helmets and other protective gear, never drink and ride,
7 to be properly licensed and actively seek training, and to remind
8 all riders and motorists to always be aware of their surroundings.

9 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 2ND SESSION
10 OF THE 54TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
11 CONCURRING THEREIN:

12 THAT the Oklahoma State Senate declares May 2014 as Motorcycle
13 Safety Awareness Month in the State of Oklahoma.

14 THAT the Oklahoma State Senate encourages all motorists to
15 participate in a "Share the Road" concept, making our highways and
16 all public roadways safer and more enjoyable to the motoring public.

17 THAT the Oklahoma State Senate encourages all riders to receive
18 appropriate training and practice safe riding skills.

19 THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to Oklahoma
20 Department of Public Safety Commissioner, Mike Thompson; Oklahoma
21 Department of Transportation Executive Director, Mike Patterson;
22 Oklahoma Highway Safety Office Director, Garry Thomas; Oklahoma
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1 Highway Patrol Chief Colonel, Ricky Adams; and Oklahoma Highway
2 Patrol Captain, Kurt McKean, #33, Troop Commander, Troop MC.

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