STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2nd Session of the 54th Legislature (2014)

SENATE CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION 38 By: Paddack of the Senate

and

Thomsen of the House

AS INTRODUCED

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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