

119TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

S. RES. _____

Expressing support for the designation of May 2026 as “Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month”.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. PETERS (for himself and Ms. ERNST) submitted the following resolution;
which was referred to the Committee on _____

RESOLUTION

Expressing support for the designation of May 2026 as
“Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month”.

Whereas, according to the Motorcycle Industry Council,
motorcycling is a great tradition enjoyed by an estimated
30,000,000 individuals annually in the United States,
representing approximately 9 percent of the population;

Whereas motorcycles are a valuable component of the trans-
portation mix;

Whereas motorcycles are fuel-efficient and decrease conges-
tion while having little impact on the transportation in-
frastructure of the United States;

Whereas the motorcycling community promotes rider safety
education, licensing, and motorcycle awareness;

Whereas the motorcycle community is committed to decreasing motorcycle crashes through training and safety education, personal responsibility, and increased public awareness;

Whereas, according to the Motorcycle Industry Council, approximately 87 percent of motorcycles are operated on highways in conjunction with other vehicles;

Whereas motorcyclist fatalities occur more frequently than passenger vehicle motorist fatalities;

Whereas, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (referred to in this preamble as “NHTSA”), 46 percent of 2-vehicle crashes involving a motorcycle and another type of vehicle that result in a motorcyclist fatality involve a vehicle turning left into the path of a motorcycle;

Whereas motorcycle awareness is critical to ensuring all road users watch out for motorcycles, in order to decrease motorcycle crashes; and

Whereas NHTSA promotes Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month to encourage riders to be properly licensed, receive training, and wear personal protective equipment, and to remind all riders and motorists to always share the road: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) supports the designation of May 2026 as
3 “Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month”;

4 (2) recognizes the contribution of motorcycles
5 to the transportation mix;

1 (3) encourages motorcycle awareness by all
2 road users;

3 (4) recognizes that motorcyclists have a right to
4 the road and that all motorists should safely share
5 the roadways;

6 (5) encourages rider safety education, training,
7 and proper gear for safe motorcycle operation; and

8 (6) supports the goals of Motorcycle Safety
9 Awareness Month.