

Reps. Tabor, Adamini, Anderson, Bieda, Brandenburg, Brown, Caswell, Clack, Daniels, Dennis, DeRossett, Elkins, Emmons, Farrah, Garfield, Gleason, Hoogendyk, Hopgood, Huizenga, Hune, Jamnick, Koetje, Meyer, Milosch, Minore, Murphy, Pappageorge, Pastor, Phillips, Richardville, Robertson, Sak, Shaffer, Sheltroun, Shulman, Spade, Stallworth, Taub, Vander Veen, Voorhees, Wojno and Rocca offered the following resolution:

House Resolution No. 223.

A resolution recognizing May 2004 as Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month in the state of Michigan.

Whereas, It is most appropriate to join with motorcyclists throughout the state of Michigan in commemorating May 2004 as Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month. This worthwhile observance provides all Michigan motorists with an opportunity to rededicate themselves to the highest standards of highway safety; and

Whereas, The coming of spring marks the return of motorcycle enthusiasts to our state's highways. Statewide, motorcyclists have been at the forefront of efforts to promote the wise and sensible use of this most enjoyable mode of travel. Indeed, the disproportionate number of motorcycle fatalities makes it vitally important to encourage motorcyclists to understand and practice the highest degree of safety as well as to remind other drivers that highway safety is a two-way street; and

Whereas, Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month encourages motorcycle operators to wear the proper protective riding apparel, to keep their motorcycles in good operating condition, to adhere to the laws of the road, and to adopt the driving techniques which provide an extra measure of safety; and

Whereas, Car and truck drivers need to be made aware of the seasonal return of motorcyclists and are urged to be particularly alert and careful when approaching or overtaking a motorcycle on the highway. All of Michigan's citizens are urged to recognize the different type and size of vehicles on our highways and develop a caring attitude toward sharing the road, thus making the roads of our Great Lakes State safer for us all. It is truly a pleasure to take this opportunity to once again remind all of those who share our highways that safety is every driver's responsibility; now therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of this legislative body recognize May 2004 as Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month in the state of Michigan.