

Reps. Slavens, Geiss, Liss, Haugh, Roberts, Coulouris, Segal, Nerat, Stanley, Byrnes, Kennedy, Haase, Simpson, Lisa Brown, Valentine, Ebli, Bettie Scott, Gregory, Nathan, Johnson, Ball, Barnett, Booher, Terry Brown, Caul, Constan, Crawford, Dean, Donigan, Durhal, Espinoza, Gonzales, Rick Jones, Kandrevas, Knollenberg, Kurtz, Lahti, LeBlanc, Leland, Lemmons, Lori, Marleau, Mayes, McDowell, Meadows, Meltzer, Neumann, Opsommer, Rogers, Spade, Switalski, Tyler and Warren offered the following resolution:

House Resolution No. 86.

A resolution declaring May 2009 as Bicycle Safety and Driver Alertness Month in the state of Michigan.

Whereas, May is Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month in the state of Michigan, it is equally important to secure and recognize the safety of those in use of bicycle transportation and commemorate May 2009 as Bicycle Safety and Driver Alertness Month; and

Whereas, The bicycle is a practical and environmentally sound form of transportation that is used daily by millions of Michigan's citizens for both recreational and necessary purposes. Michiganders will experience the joys of bicycling during the month of May through educational programs, races, trail riding, charity events, commuting to work or simply adventuring out to enjoy the spring that Michigan has to offer; and

Whereas, Rising concerns about health, fitness, increased energy costs and the environment have increased the number of cyclists on our roads in recent years. Motor vehicles and cyclists are obligated to share the state's roadways and this season calls for all commuters to renew their awareness and the safety requirements for motorists and cyclists alike; and

Whereas, Bicycle Safety and Driver Alertness Month asks cyclists to share the road, safely accommodate motorists, to wear the proper safety equipment and riding gear, to strictly follow all laws of the road, to operate with extreme caution and learn expert techniques that provide for a heightened level of safety while riding. In addition, car and other motor vehicles are notified of the increased bicycle traffic that is anticipated on public highways and roads, and all are expected to increase their alertness and be mindful when approaching their fellow citizens on bicycles while driving; and

Whereas, It is a privilege to recognize Michigan's unique appreciation for the outdoors by reminding its citizens of their responsibility to be safe and alert so that everyone may equally exercise their right to enjoy our Great Lake State; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of this legislative body commemorate May 2009 as Bicycle Safety and Driver Alertness Month in the state of Michigan. All of Michigan's citizens are encouraged to identify and learn the various aspects of bicycle and motor safety as it relates to sharing our public roads and uphold the highest standard of care and concern in an effort toward making Michigan's roads the safest among the 50 states.