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2009 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 121

April 7, 2010 – Introduced by Representatives Strachota, Knodl, Benedict, Lemahieu, Petrowski, Mason, Kaufert, Davis, Hubler, Kestell, A. Ott, Zepnick, Kleefisch, Lothian, Schneider, Petersen, Ripp, Brooks, M. Williams, Kerkman and Steinbrink, cosponsored by Senators Lassa, Darling, Olsen, Wirch, Kanavas, Taylor, Harsdorf, Lehman, Schultz, Vinehout, Leibham, Hansen and Carpenter. Referred to Committee on Rules.

Relating to: proclaiming May 2010 as Motorcycle Awareness Month.

Whereas, many thousands of Wisconsin residents and visitors enjoy motorcycling as an energy efficient mode of transportation and as an enjoyable recreational activity; and

Whereas, May is nationally recognized as the month motorcycles become more prevalent on our streets and the need to be aware of their presence is of the utmost urgency; and

Whereas, due to the increased number of motorcycles on the roads and highways of our state and because motorcycle awareness and safety is a concern to all, it is appropriate to set aside a time to alert all motorists to the number of motorcyclists on the roads and to help motorists become aware of the safety concerns of motorcyclists especially with regard to sharing the road with motorcycles; and

Whereas, this worthwhile observance provides all Wisconsin motorists with an opportunity to rededicate themselves to the highest standards of highway safety; and

Whereas, throughout Wisconsin, motorcyclists have been at the forefront of efforts to promote the wise and sensible use of this most enjoyable mode of travel; and Whereas, it is important to recognize the need for awareness on the part of all drivers ensuring that they are made aware of the seasonal return of motorcyclists and are urged to be particularly alert and careful when approaching or over taking a motorcycle on the highway; and

Whereas, it is also important to honor motorcyclists' many contributions to the communities in which they live and ride and to remember those who have lost their lives in motorcycle accidents; now therefore be it

Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That the legislature hereby proclaims the month of May 2010 as Motorcycle Awareness Month; and be it further

Resolved, That the assembly chief clerk shall provide a copy of this joint resolution to A Brotherhood Against Totalitarian Enactments (ABATE) of Wisconsin, an organization that is actively promoting the safe operation, increased rider training, and increased motorist awareness of motorcycles.

17 (END)