

2011 Senate Joint Resolution 71

## **ENROLLED JOINT RESOLUTION**

Relating to: proclaiming May 2012 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 are concerns to all, it is appropriate to set aside a time to alert motorists of the number of motorcyclists on the roads and to help motorists become aware 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 all drivers to be aware of the seasonal return of motorcyclists and to be particularly alert and careful when approaching or overtaking 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 senate, the assembly concurring, That* the legislature hereby proclaims May 2012 as Motorcycle Awareness Month; and, be it further

**Resolved, That** the senate 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 of motorcycles, increased motorcycle rider training, and increased motorist awareness of motorcycles.

Representative Jeff Fitzgerald Speaker of the Assembly Senator Michael G. Ellis President of the Senate

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