

# Senate Concurrent Resolution 102 - Introduced

## SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 102

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1 A Concurrent Resolution designating May 2010 as  
2 Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month.

3 WHEREAS, motorcycle riding is a popular form of  
4 recreation and transportation for thousands of people  
5 across Iowa and the nation; and

6 WHEREAS, motorcycle riding can be an enjoyable  
7 activity when safety is of paramount consideration and  
8 all laws and regulations are observed; and

9 WHEREAS, the safe operation of a motorcycle  
10 requires the use of special skills developed through a  
11 combination of training and experience, the use of good  
12 judgment, and a thorough knowledge of traffic laws and  
13 licensing requirements; and

14 WHEREAS, the Motorcycle Safety Awareness Campaign  
15 is intended to reduce the number of accidents,  
16 injuries, and fatalities associated with motorcycling  
17 by encouraging motorcycle operators to participate in  
18 rider education programs, wear proper apparel, not  
19 drink and ride, and operate their vehicles defensively  
20 according to the rules of the road; and

21 WHEREAS, motorcycle organizations, clubs,  
22 dealerships, and groups and highway safety officials in  
23 our state should join Iowa motorcyclists in actively  
24 promoting safe motorcycle operation, increased rider  
25 training, improved licensing efforts, and motorist  
26 awareness of motorcycles; and

27 WHEREAS, the Motorcycle Safety Awareness Campaign  
28 encourages operators of other motor vehicles to be

1 cautious and observe these smaller vehicles, especially  
2 during the seasonal return of motorcycles to Iowa's  
3 streets and highways; and

4 WHEREAS, a motorcycle is a vehicle with all of  
5 the privileges of any vehicle on the roadway, so a  
6 motorcyclist should be allowed the use of a full lane  
7 of travel; and

8 WHEREAS, other motorists need to take a second look  
9 for motorcycles on the highway, at intersections, and  
10 when a motorcyclist may be changing lanes or making a  
11 left turn; and

12 WHEREAS, other motorists should clearly signal their  
13 intentions, not follow motorcycles too closely, and  
14 allow enough room for motorcyclists to take evasive  
15 action by allowing plenty of space; and

16 WHEREAS, obstructions that other motorists might  
17 ignore, such as debris and potholes, can be deadly  
18 for a motorcyclist, so other motorists should learn  
19 to predict when a motorcyclist might take evasive  
20 action; NOW THEREFORE,

21 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, THE HOUSE OF  
22 REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That the General Assembly  
23 designates the month of May 2010 as Motorcycle Safety  
24 Awareness Month and encourages all Iowa motorists to  
25 strive to improve motorcycle safety in this state.