

1 HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 112
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6 A Concurrent Resolution designating May 2006 as
7 Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month.
8 WHEREAS, motorcycle riding is a popular form of
9 recreation and transportation for thousands of people
10 across Iowa and the nation; and
11 WHEREAS, motorcycle riding can be an enjoyable
12 activity when safety is of paramount consideration and
13 all laws and regulations are observed; and
14 WHEREAS, the safe operation of a motorcycle
15 requires the use of special skills developed through a
16 combination of training and experience, the use of
17 good judgment, and a thorough knowledge of traffic
18 laws and licensing requirements; and
19 WHEREAS, the Motorcycle Safety Awareness Campaign
20 is intended to reduce the number of accidents,
21 injuries, and fatalities associated with motorcycling
22 by encouraging motorcycle operators to participate in
23 rider education programs, wear proper apparel, not
24 drink and ride, and operate their vehicles defensively
25 according to the rules of the road; and
26 WHEREAS, motorcycle organizations, clubs,
27 dealerships, and groups and highway safety officials
28 in our state should join Iowa motorcyclists in
29 actively promoting safe motorcycle operation,
30 increased rider training, improved licensing efforts,

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1 and motorist awareness of motorcycles; and

2 WHEREAS, the Motorcycle Safety Awareness Campaign
3 encourages operators of other motor vehicles to be
4 cautious and observe these smaller vehicles,
5 especially during the seasonal return of motorcycles
6 to Iowa's streets and highways; and

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

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

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

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

24 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, THE
25 SENATE CONCURRING, That the General Assembly
26 designates the month of May 2006 as Motorcycle Safety
27 Awareness Month and encourages all Iowa motorists to
28 strive to improve motorcycle safety in this state.

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