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SR-36 (2017-2018)

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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE— 2017–2018 REGULAR SESSION

SENATE RESOLUTION

NO. 36

Introduced by Senators Cannella, Beall, and Fuller

May 02, 2017

Relative to Motorcycle Awareness Month.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SR 36, Cannella.

WHEREAS, Motorcycle riding is a popular form of efficient transportation and recreation for more than 1,000,000 Californians. Motorcycles account for less than 5 percent of registered vehicles in the United States, and they travel approximately 21,000,000 miles each year. Motorcycles provide a means of transportation that uses fewer resources, causes less wear and tear on public roadways, and increases available parking areas; and

WHEREAS, Through the Department of the California Highway Patrol's California Motorcyclist Safety Program, the state trained over 57,000 riders in 2016, and 1,100,000 since the start of the program, along with the assistance of the California Office of Traffic Safety, through education, and the Department of Transportation's message boards. These efforts led to an 11.5 percent decrease in motorcycle fatalities, while at the same time, total traffic fatalities in California increased by 4 percent, and nationwide motorcycle fatalities increased by an average of 10 percent. California leads the way in training and safety for motorcyclists and we are saving lives; and

WHEREAS, It is important that drivers of all vehicles be aware of one another and learn to share the road and practice courtesy; and

WHEREAS, The American Brotherhood Aimed Towards Education - ABATE of California, American Motorcyclist Association, Bay Area Riders Forum, Modified Motorcycle Association, and the California Motorcycle Dealers Association are organizations that actively promote the safe operation of motorcycles, advocate for more rider training courses through California Highway Patrol provider Total Control Training, and advocate increasing motorist recognition of motorcycles; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, That the Senate hereby designates the month of May 2017 as Motorcycle Awareness Month in California, and acknowledges the need for awareness on the part of all drivers, especially with regard to sharing the road with motorcycles, honors motorcyclists' many contributions to the communities in which they live and ride; and be it further

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.