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**SR-31** (2023-2024)

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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE— 2023–2024 REGULAR SESSION

## SENATE RESOLUTION

**NO. 31**

Introduced by Senator Jones

April 24, 2023

Relative to Motorcycle Awareness Month.

### LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SR 31, Jones.

WHEREAS, Motorcycle riding is a popular form of efficient transportation and recreation for more than 1,400,000 licensed Californians. Motorcycles travel approximately 21,000,000 miles each year in the United States, riding on average 2,500 miles per 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 50,000 riders in 2022, and 1,200,000 riders 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 freeway 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, ABATE of California, a motorcyclists rights and safety organization, the American Motorcyclist Association, Bay Area Riders Forum, the Modified Motorcycle Association of California, and the California Motorcycle Dealers Association are organizations that actively promote the safe operation of motorcycles, advocate for more rider training courses through the Department of the 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 2023 as Motorcycle Awareness Month in California, acknowledges the need for awareness on the part of all drivers, especially with regard to sharing the road with motorcycles, and 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.