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**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND**

**IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2018**

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**H O U S E   R E S O L U T I O N**

**PROCLAIMING THE MONTH OF MAY TO BE "MOTORCYCLE AWARENESS MONTH"  
IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND URGING ALL RHODE ISLAND MOTORISTS  
TO AVOID DISTRACTED DRIVING**

Introduced By: Representatives Bennett, Mattiello, Shekarchi, Quattrocchi, and  
McNamara

Date Introduced: April 24, 2018

Referred To: House read and passed

1           WHEREAS, Approximately 8.4 million motorcycles are registered in the United States  
2 and there are approximately 33,000 motorcycles registered in Rhode Island. Motorcycle riding is  
3 a popular form of transportation enjoyed by about five percent of the American people and they  
4 travel approximately 21 million miles each year; and

5           WHEREAS, Motorcycles provide a more efficient mode of transportation than cars or  
6 trucks. Motorcycles use up fewer resources, cause less wear and tear on our roads and highways,  
7 and increase available parking spaces; and

8           WHEREAS, Unfortunately, distracted driving poses grave dangers to other motorists,  
9 especially motorcyclists. Distractions can be any activity that takes a drivers focus off the task of  
10 driving, including eating and drinking, talking or texting on the phone, and numerous other  
11 distractions, all of which pose serious dangers to the motorcycle driving public. In 2015, 3,477  
12 lives were lost due to incidents involving distracted driving, and 391,000 people were injured in  
13 crashes that involved distracted driving; now, therefore be it

14           RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island and  
15 Providence Plantations hereby proclaims the Month of May to be "Motorcycle Awareness  
16 Month" in the State of Rhode Island; and be it further

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1           RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to  
2 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Mr. Paul Bond, President of the Rhode Island  
3 Motorcycle Association.

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