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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2022

HOUSE RESOLUTION

PROCLAIMING MAY OF 2022 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, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Filippi, Quattrocchi,
Nardone, Noret, Edwards, Casey, and McNamara

Date Introduced: May 03, 2022

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, Approximately 8.6 million motorcycles are registered in the United States
2 and there are approximately 27,391 motorcycles registered in Rhode Island. Motorcycle riding is
3 a popular form of transportation enjoyed by about fourteen percent of the American people; and

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

7 WHEREAS, Unfortunately, distracted driving poses grave dangers to other motorists,
8 especially motorcyclists. Distractions can be any activity that takes a drivers focus off the task of
9 driving, including eating and drinking, talking or texting on the phone, and numerous other
10 distractions, all of which pose serious dangers to the motorcycle driving public. In 2020, 3,142
11 lives were lost due to incidents involving distracted driving, and in 2018, 276,200 people were
12 injured in crashes that involved distracted driving; now, therefore be it

13 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island hereby
14 proclaims May of 2022, to be "Motorcycle Awareness Month" in the State of Rhode Island; and
15 be it further

- 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 the Rhode Island Motorcycle Association.

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