



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

WHEREAS: It is important that all drivers, motorcyclists, bicyclists and pedestrians cooperate to reduce injuries and fatalities by increasing their knowledge of road laws and practicing safe driving; and

WHEREAS: Preliminary data shows that in 2025, 57 motorcyclists were killed and 995 were injured in motorcycle crashes in Minnesota; and

WHEREAS: The physical, mental and emotional harm caused by motorcycle crashes impacts individuals, families and communities; and

WHEREAS: All drivers should drive with care, giving proper attention to skills and obtaining the required endorsements and licenses if they choose to operate a motorcycle or any other vehicle; and

WHEREAS: Minnesota law allows motorcycle lane splitting and lane filtering under certain situations, requiring all road users to understand the rules, exercise caution and foster mutual respect to enhance traffic safety; and

WHEREAS: All motorcyclists – regardless of experience or skill level – should wear protective gear and can improve their skills through continued practice and rider training courses; and

WHEREAS: The annual observance of Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month highlights the importance of safety, promotes safe motorcycle operation, rider training, proper licensing and motorist awareness; and

WHEREAS: By increasing knowledge of driving laws, accepting the responsibilities of sharing roads with all vehicle sizes, and encouraging added caution for motorcyclists, Minnesota roads can be safer for everyone.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, TIM WALZ, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim May 2026 as:

MOTORCYCLE SAFETY AWARENESS MONTH

in the State of Minnesota.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this 27th day of April.




GOVERNOR


SECRETARY OF STATE