

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

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A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the week of June 6 through 14, 2015, as "All-Terrain
2 Vehicle Safety Week" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, More than 300,000 all-terrain vehicles (ATVs) are
4 registered in Pennsylvania and are enjoyed by thousands of
5 residents, families and visitors in pursuit of outdoor
6 recreation; and

7 WHEREAS, ATV riding opportunities attract visitors and
8 continue to contribute to this Commonwealth's tourism industry
9 and associated industries; and

10 WHEREAS, ATV riding activities contribute more than \$2
11 billion to Pennsylvania's economy; and

12 WHEREAS, The Pennsylvania Off-Highway Vehicle Association and
13 the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, along with
14 ATV safety instructors and the Specialty Vehicle Institute of
15 America, have joined together to educate the public about safe
16 and responsible ATV riding practices; and

17 WHEREAS, Responsible riding practices, such as obeying State
18 laws, operating at safe speeds, completing ATV safety training

1 and abstaining from alcohol consumption while operating or
2 riding an ATV help make this Commonwealth's ATV riding
3 experience safe and enjoyable; and

4 WHEREAS, The golden rules of ATV safety include:

5 (1) always wearing a Department of Transportation-
6 compliant helmet, goggles, long sleeves, long pants, over-
7 the-ankle boots and gloves;

8 (2) never riding on paved roads except to cross when
9 done safely and permitted by law;

10 (3) never riding under the influence of alcohol or
11 drugs;

12 (4) never carrying a passenger on a single-rider ATV and
13 never carrying more than one passenger on an ATV specifically
14 designed for two people;

15 (5) riding an ATV that is right for your age;

16 (6) supervising riders younger than 16 years of age;

17 (7) riding only on designated trails at a safe speed;

18 and

19 (8) taking a hands-on ATV RiderCourse and a free online
20 course offered through the ATV Safety Institute;

21 and

22 WHEREAS, The ATV Safety Institute, a nonprofit organization
23 dedicated to improving the safety of ATV riders, has declared
24 June 6 through 14, 2015, as "National ATV Safety Week";
25 therefore be it

26 RESOLVED, That the Senate designate the week of June 6
27 through 14, 2015, as "All-Terrain Vehicle Safety Week" in
28 Pennsylvania; and be it further

29 RESOLVED, That the Senate urge all residents to join in the
30 observation of this week by taking an ATV training course,

- 1 riding safely and responsibly and following the golden rules of
- 2 ATV safety.