

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 9

Whereas, motorcycle ridership has continued to increase over time, with registrations growing from 3,826,373 in 1997 to 8,600,936 in 2015; and

Whereas, as of August, 2016, the ongoing National Motorcycle Profiling Survey 2016, conducted by the Motorcycle Profiling Project, found that approximately one-half of the motorcyclists surveyed felt that they had been profiled by law enforcement at least once; and

Whereas, motorcycle profiling means the illegal use of the fact that a person rides a motorcycle or wears motorcycle related apparel as a factor in deciding to stop and question, take enforcement action, arrest, or search a person or vehicle, with or without legal basis under the Constitution of the United States; and

Whereas, complaints surrounding motorcycle profiling have been cited in all fifty states; and

Whereas, nationwide protests to raise awareness and combat motorcycle profiling have been held in multiple states:

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that the members of the Senate of the One Hundred First General Assembly, First Regular Session, the House of Representatives concurring therein, hereby:

(1) Support increased public awareness on the issue of motorcycle profiling;

(2) Encourage collaboration and communication with the motorcycle community and law enforcement to engage in efforts to end motorcycle profiling; and

(3) Urge law enforcement officials to include statements condemning motorcycle profiling in written policies and training materials; and

Be It Further Resolved that the Secretary of the Senate be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for each law enforcement agency in the state of Missouri.