

Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation Commission

Proposed Resolution

Establishing a California OHV Safety Week

WHEREAS, the California State Parks, Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation (OHMVR) Program was established in 1971 by legislation coauthored by two state legislators off-roader enthusiast Gene Chappie, and environmental supporter Ed Z'berg; and

WHEREAS, 2021 will mark the 50th Anniversary of the OHMVR program; and

WHEREAS, The OHMVR Division works to ensure that quality off-highway vehicle (OHV) recreational opportunities remain available for future generations by providing for education, conservation, safe use, and enforcement efforts that balance OHV recreation impacts with programs that conserve and protect cultural and natural resources; and

WHEREAS, the OHMVR Division is concerned for the safety of all visitors and OHV users enjoying the State Vehicular Recreation Areas (SVRA), local and federal OHV areas, has an active safety operation program, and is continuously reinforcing and educating OHV users to employ safe practices and use appropriate safety equipment and gear; and

WHEREAS, one important element for safe and responsible OHV operation is proper training and that in this regard the OHMVR Division has partnered with the Specialty Vehicle Institute of America and the Motorcycle Safety Foundation to provide ATV and dirt bike training;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the California OHMVR Commission designates the third week of May (to include the third weekend in May), annually, as California OHV Safety Week.