

WHEREAS, Florida's climate and scenery make motorcycle riding an attraction in the Sunshine State, and riders consider our roadways to be some of the nation's best for riding; and

WHEREAS, motorcycles are increasingly used as regular means of transportation; and

WHEREAS, the motorcycle is an important form of transportation, commuting, touring and recreation; and

WHEREAS, as a matter of safety, it is necessary to develop appropriate driving habits to handle these vehicles on Florida roadways; and

WHEREAS, more than a million drivers in Florida have a motorcycle endorsement on their driver's license; and

WHEREAS, to prevent injuries and deaths on Florida's roadways, motorcyclist and motorist must be vigilant in their efforts to share the road and ensure the safety of everyone;

WHEREAS, Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month raises public awareness for a lifetime of safe motorcycle riding.

THEREFORE, I, Craig Cates, Mayor of the City of Key West, do hereby proclaim the month of May, 2014 as

Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month

In the "Southernmost City of the Continental United States", and urges its citizens to be more aware of motorcycles on our roads and highways and for all motorcyclists to take advantage of motorcycle safety programs throughout the year.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the City of Key West, Florida, this 6th day of May, 2014.

Craig Cates, MAYOR