



PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS, motorcycles are increasingly used as a regular means of transportation, and
- WHEREAS, the motorcycle is an energy-efficient vehicles that reduces fuel consumption, traffic and parking congestion, and
- WHEREAS, the motorcycle is an important form of transportation, commuting, touring and recreation; and
- WHEREAS, with motorcycle ownership in Florida has exceeded 750,000 registered motorcycles, the Governor of the State of Florida and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and the Motorcycle Safety Foundation have traditionally named May as 'Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month', and
- WHEREAS, states and motorcycle organizations across this country will be conducting a variety of activities to promote the importance of motorists awareness and safety sharing the road with motorcycles, and
- WHEREAS, locally, ABATE of Florida, Inc. Southernmost chapter is highly involved in motorcycle safety through the Rider and Motorists Education Programs which includes the 'Motorcycle Safety Awareness Program' to educate the non-riding public how to safely share the road with motorcycles; and\
- WHEREAS, as a certified motorcycle safety course is now being offered in Monroe County, and
- WHEREAS, ABATE of Florida, Inc. promotes friendship and safety among all motorcyclists using their motto of 'American Bikers Aiming Towards Education' and 'Zero Accidents, Zero Deaths', and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Craig Cates, Mayor of the City of Key West, State of Florida, do hereby proclaim the month of April, 2015 as

Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month

in the "Southernmost City of the Continental United States". I would like to urge all citizens, residents and visitors of our Southernmost City to participate fittingly in the observation.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the City of Key West, Florida, this 5th day of May 2015.

Craig Cates, MAYOR