



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

WHEREAS, the motorcycle is an energy-efficient vehicle 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

WHEREAS, The City of Key West, Florida, wishes to join in their public safety campaign in an effort to ensure the safety and well being of its citizen.

THEREFORE, I, Craig Cates, Mayor of the City of Key West, do hereby proclaim the month of  
May, 2011 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 1<sup>st</sup> day of March, 2011.

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Craig Cates, MAYOR