



PROCLAMATION

- 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, with motorcycle ownership in Florida exceeding 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 the country will be conducting a variety of activities to promote the importance of motorist awareness and safely sharing the road with motorcycles; 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, locally, ABATE of Florida, Inc. is highly involved in motorcycle safety through the Rider and Motorist 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, a certified motorcycle safety course is now being offered in Monroe County; and
- WHEREAS, City of Key West, wishes to join in their public safety campaign in an effort to ensure the safety and well-being of its citizens.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Craig Cates, Mayor of the City of Key West, Florida, do hereby proclaim
the month of May, 2017

MOTORCYCLE SAFETY AWARENESS MONTH

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

WITNESS my hand and seal of the City of Key West, Florida, this 2nd day of May, 2017.

Craig Cates, MAYOR