

# Proclamation

## Office of the Mayor Okeechobee, Florida

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 for commuting, touring and recreation; and

WHEREAS, with motorcycle ownership in Florida exceeding 750,000 registered motorcycles, the Governor of the State of Florida has traditionally named April 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 motorcyclists; and

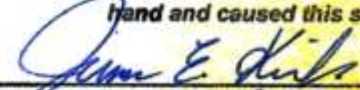
WHEREAS, locally, ABATE of Florida, Inc., is highly involved in motorcycle safety through its Rider and Motorist Education Programs which includes the "Motorcycle Safety Awareness Program" to educate the non-riding public how to safely share the road with motorcycles; and

WHEREAS, ABATE of Florida, Inc. promotes friendship and safety among all motorcyclists. Using their mottos of "American Bikers Aiming Towards Education"; and

WHEREAS, the City of Okeechobee wishes to join in this public safety campaign in an effort to ensure the safety and well-being of its citizens.

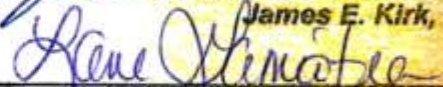
NOW THEREFORE, I, James E. Kirk, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Okeechobee, do hereby proclaim the month of April 2010 as "**Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month**" and urge all citizens to be more aware of motorcycles on our roads and highways and for all motorcyclists to take advantage of motorcycle safety programs throughout the year.

*In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused this seal to be affixed.*



James E. Kirk, Mayor

Attest:



Lane Gamiotea, CMC, City Clerk

Date: March 16, 2010

