## PUTNAM COUNTY PROCLAMATION NO. 2011-18

## MOTORCYCLE SAFETY AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS, motorcycle riding is a popular form of recreation and transportation for thousands of citizens across the United States; and

WHEREAS, motorcycles have increasingly become a common means of transportation because they are energy efficient vehicles that reduce fuel consumption, road wear and provide some measure of relief of traffic and parking congestion; and

WHEREAS, the motorcycle is a compact, economical form of transportation that has become even more popular with the rising fuel costs, but one which requires proper training and experience, good judgment and a knowledge of traffic laws; and

WHEREAS, it is important that citizens be aware of motorcycles on the streets and highways and recognize the importance of motorcycle safety and vigilant driving in order to reduce the occurrence of injuries and fatalities; and

WHEREAS, all drivers need to be aware that motorcycles should be regarded with the same respect as any other vehicle traveling the highways of this country; and

WHEREAS, the safe operation of a motorcycle requires the development of appropriate defensive driving habits in order to protect themselves and insure the safety of all; and

WHEREAS, Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month is one way to recognize and promote education and public awareness of the safe sharing of roadways with motorcyclists, keeping the safety of all in mind.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED by the Putnam County Board of Commissioners, in meeting assembled on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2011, that the month of May is hereby declared MOTORCYCLE SAFETY AWARENESS MONTH in Putnam County.

DONE, ORDERED AND ADOPTED this 10th day of May, 2010.

In Smith By Brod Par 11

ATTEST:

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS PUTNAM COUNTY, FLORIDA

Tim Smith, Clerk of Court