



Hillsborough County

Board of County Commissioners

Proclamation

WHEREAS, American Bikers Aiming Toward Education, Inc., also known as ABATE of Florida, is a non-profit organization that has been continually working for nearly 32 years to help provide a safe environment for motorcyclists in Florida; and

WHEREAS, the State of Florida recognizes May as Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month and each year, ABATE's nearly 8,000 members, from all walks of life and from thirty-two chapters across Florida work with leaders in their communities to promote the public's awareness to share the road; and

WHEREAS, ABATE is committed to encouraging motorcycle rider training, motorcycle safety awareness, and political awareness by protecting riders' rights without infringing upon the rights of others; and

WHEREAS, motorcycle ridership has grown tremendously in Florida for both economic reasons and pleasure, and ABATE demonstrates the value of safety awareness through video safety presentations and rider events so that everyone driving on Florida's roads actively look out for motorcyclists and share the roads with respect and courtesy; and

WHEREAS, motorcycles are smaller than cars and trucks, and the average car has seven to nine blind spots, ABATE encourages drivers to "look, look and look again" for motorcycles, and when following a motorcycle to allow a three second space cushion; and

WHEREAS, while Hillsborough County boasts beautifully diverse landscapes and provides perfect locations for motorcycle travel, it is important that all citizens are aware of motorcyclists and take precautions to avoid accidents.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Board of County Commissioners of Hillsborough County recognizes May 2012, as

Motorcycle Safety Month

in Hillsborough County, and hereby urges all residents to take part in activities and events that increase motorcycle safety awareness and to work toward the safety of motorcyclists everywhere, everyday.

Executed this 2nd day of May, 2012.



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