



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, 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 the country will be conducting a variety of activities to promote the importance of motorists awareness and safely sharing the road with motorcycles, 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, 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 County of Monroe wishes to join in their public safety campaign in an effort to ensure the safety and well being of its citizens,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Morgan McPherson, Mayor of the City of Key West, do hereby proclaim the  
Month of May, 2009,

## *MOTORCYCLE SAFETY AWARENESS MONTH*

in the "Southernmost City of the Continental United States" urge 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 7<sup>th</sup> day of April 2009.

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Morgan McPherson, MAYOR