



Mayor's Proclamation

Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month, May 2010

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 is an important form of transportation, commuting, touring, and recreation; 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 this country will be conducting a variety of activities to promote the importance of motorists' awareness and safety sharing the road with motorcycles; and

WHEREAS, locally, ABATE of Florida, Inc. Southernmost Chapter is highly involved in motorcycle safety through the Rider and Motorists' 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, a certified motorcycle safety course is now being offered in Monroe County and the County of wishes to join in ABATE'S public safety campaign in an effort to ensure the safety and well being of its citizens,

NOW THEREFORE, I, Sylvia Murphy, by virtue of the power vested in me as Mayor of Monroe County, Florida hereby proclaim the month of May, 2010 as

'MOTORCYCLE SAFETY AWARENESS MONTH'

in Monroe County, Florida and 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.

Dated this 21st of April, 2010

Sylvia J. Murphy
Sylvia J. Murphy, Mayor