

## PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, motorcycles are increasingly used as a regular means of transportation and 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**, citizens should recognize the fact that motorcycle operators have the same rights and privileges as operators of other vehicles on the roads and highways; and

**WHEREAS**, with motorcycle ownership in Florida exceeding 750,000 registered motorcycles, the Governor of the State of Florida has 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 motorist awareness and safely sharing the road with motorcyclists; and

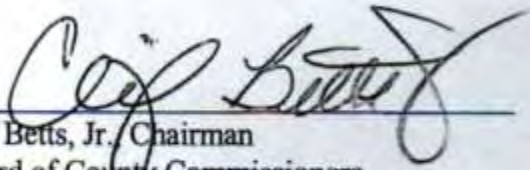
**WHEREAS**, locally, ABATE of Florida, Inc. is highly involved in motorcycle safety through its Rider and Motorist Education Programs which includes the "Motorcycle Safety Awareness Program" to educate the non-riding public how to safely share the road with motorcycles; and

**WHEREAS**, ABATE of Florida, Inc. promotes friendship and safety among all motorcyclists using their motto of "American Bikers Aiming Toward Education;" and

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

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Clif Betts, Jr., Chairman of the Okeechobee Board of County Commissioners, hereby issue this Proclamation designating the month of May 2010 as Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month in Okeechobee County and urge all citizens to be more aware of motorcycles on our roads and highways.

ISSUED this 8<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2010.

  
Clif Betts, Jr., Chairman  
Board of County Commissioners

ATTEST:

  
Sharon Robertson, Clerk  
Board of County Commissioners

