

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Motorcycle riding is a popular form of efficient transportation and recreation for more than ½ million people in Florida; and

WHEREAS, It is important that the drivers of all vehicles be aware of one another and learn to share the road and practice courtesy; and

WHEREAS, Motorcycles provide a means of transportation that uses fewer resources, causes less wear and tear on public roadways, and increases available parking areas; and

WHEREAS, The safety hazards created by automobile operators who have not been educated to watch for motorcyclists on the streets and highways of Florida are of prime concern to motorcyclists; and


WHEREAS, It is especially important that the citizens of Florida be aware of motorcycles on the streets and highways and recognize the importance of motorcycle safety; and

WHEREAS, The American Bikers Aimed Toward Education (ABATE) of Florida, Vintage Chapter, representing the *Town of Hastings, St. Augustine Beach, the City of St. Augustine, St. Johns County, the City of Bunnell, the City of Flagler Beach, the City of Palm Coast, and Flagler County* is an organization that is actively promoting the safe operation, increased rider training, and increased motorist awareness of motorcycles; and

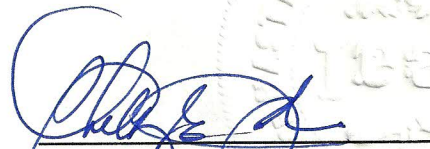
WHEREAS, It is important to recognize the need for awareness on the part of all drivers, especially with regard to sharing the road with motorcycles, and to honor motorcyclists many contributions to the communities in which they live and ride;

NOW THEREFORE, I *Tom Ward, Mayor* and the *Town Commission* of the Town of Hastings do hereby proclaim the month of May, 2012, as *Motorcycles Awareness Month* in the Town of Hastings.

Proclaimed on this 13th day of March, 2012.



Tom Ward, Mayor



Shelby E. Jack, Town Manager

