



Proclamation

WHEREAS, motorcycle riding is a popular form of recreation and transportation for thousands of people in Ocala, Marion County and Florida's mild climate and scenic roadways make motorcycle riding an enjoyable experience throughout the year; and

WHEREAS, Marion County's growing population, seasonal residents and travelers using Marion County roadways make motorcycle safety an important issue for all drivers and the safe operation of a motorcycle requires the use of special skills developed through a combination of training and experience, the use of good judgement, and a thorough knowledge of traffic laws and licensing requirements; and

WHEREAS, motorcycling can be an enjoyable activity when safety is of paramount consideration and all regulations are observed; and

WHEREAS, there were 643,335 motorcycles registered in Florida with 14,730 in Marion County as of March 6, 2022 along with 1,373,517 motorcycle endorsements in Florida with 35,321 in Marion County as of July 1, 2021; and

WHEREAS, motorcycle organizations, clubs, dealerships, groups and highway safety officials are encouraged to join the Florida Rider Motorcycle Safety Program, ABATE of Florida, Inc., and all motorcyclists in actively promoting safe operation, increased rider training, improved licensing agreements, and motorist awareness; and

WHEREAS, the Motorcycle Safety Foundation has designated the month of May as Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month, as recognized by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, and the Governor of the State of Florida, to encourage other motor vehicle operators to be cautious and observe these vulnerable road users on Ocala's streets and highways.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kent Guinn, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Ocala, Florida, do hereby proclaim May 2022 as

MOTORCYCLE SAFETY AWARENESS MONTH

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Ocala, Florida, to be affixed this 25th day of April 2022.



Kent Guinn, Mayor
City of Ocala