



# 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**, Ocala'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 655,285 motorcycles registered in Florida with 15,696 in Marion County as of March 3, 2024 along with 1,441,932 motorcycle endorsements in Florida with 38,012 in Marion County as of July 1, 2021; and

**WHEREAS**, to prevent injuries and deaths on roadways, it is important for motorcyclists and motorists to always be vigilant in their efforts to share the roadway and ensure safety for everyone; 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, Ben Marciano**, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Ocala, Florida, do hereby proclaim May 2024 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 1<sup>st</sup> day of May 2024.



*Ben Marciano*

Ben Marciano, Mayor  
City of Ocala