

## 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**, Florida's growing population makes motorcycle safety an important issue for all drivers; and

**WHEREAS,** over 1.1 million drivers in Florida have a motorcycle endorsement on their driver license with 30,796 as of the July 2017 record in Marion County; 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, Marion County 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 2021 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 20<sup>th</sup> day of April 2021.

Kent Guinn, Mayor City of Ocala

