

PROCLAMATION

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MARION COUNTY, FLORIDA

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, as of November 2025, there were 671,694 registered motorcycles in Florida, including 15,696 in Marion County, and as of April 7, 2024, there were 1,460,576 motorcycle endorsements statewide, with 38,012 in Marion County; 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 in our county are encouraged to join the Florida Rider Motorcycle Safety Program, ABATE of Florida, Inc., and all motorcyclists in actively promoting safe operation, increased rider raining, 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 Marion County streets and highways;

NOW THEREFORE, the Board of County Commissioners of Marion County, Florida, by virtue of the authority vested in us do hereby proclaim that **May, 2026** be known as

“MOTORCYCLE SAFETY AWARENESS MONTH”

DULY PROCLAIMED this 5th day of **May, 2026**.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MARION COUNTY, FLORIDA**

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