

**PROCLAMATION
MOTORCYCLE AWARENESS MONTH
MAY 2019**

WHEREAS, The safe operation of a motorcycle requires training, use of good judgment and thorough knowledge of traffic laws and licensing requirements; and

WHEREAS, With more than 500,000 licensed motorcycle operators in Michigan, motorcycle safety education and training is extremely vital in our state; and

WHEREAS, The Michigan Department of State's Motorcycle Safety Program uses safety standards established by the Motorcycle Safety Foundation in order to ensure consistent and comprehensive training for all motorcycle operators; and

WHEREAS, It is the responsibility of all motorcycle operators to ensure they have the proper skills, training and education in order to keep our roads safe; and

WHEREAS, The Month of May is the nationally recognized month motorcycles become more prevalent on our streets and the need to be more aware of their presence is of the utmost urgency; and

WHEREAS, During this month, we raise awareness of motorcycle operator education training and programs, and encourage all drivers in Michigan to drive defensively and cautiously in order to reduce motor vehicle collisions and save lives; and

WHEREAS, An overwhelming number of car vs. motorcycle accidents could be avoided with due regard, respect, and awareness of motorcycles on the streets and intersections of the City of Troy; and

WHEREAS, The inclusion of Motorcycle Awareness provided by American Bikers Aiming Toward Education (ABATE of Michigan) as a distinct part of the driver education curriculum and Motorcycle Rider Education programs help promote safe driving and motorcycle riding practices;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Mayor and City Council of the City of Troy in the interest of our citizens note the increase in the amount of motorcycle traffic as we enter the warm months and hereby proclaim **May as Motorcycle Awareness Month in Troy**; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we encourage all drivers to drive defensively and cautiously in order to reduce accidents and injuries involving motorcyclists, and save lives.

Presented this 6th day of May 2019.