

PROCLAMATION



Motorcycle Awareness Month May 2012

WHEREAS, Tens of thousands of Washington motorcyclists travel the roads, streets, and highways of the Evergreen State in their regular work and school commutes, and in their weekend adventures and vacation rides; and

WHEREAS, motorcycles are fuel efficient, reduce urban traffic and parking congestion, and tread lightly on the overworked road system and transportation infrastructure for which they help provide funding; and

WHEREAS, our state and nation are world leaders in motorcycle safety and licensing, and in rider training and public awareness; and

WHEREAS, the vast majority of the members of the motorcycling community are genuinely committed to upholding safe and sane policies and procedures for themselves and their passengers, and certainly also for their fellow motorists with whom they share the highways and roads of our state; and

WHEREAS, the motorcycle is an important and economical mode of transportation involving such activities as commuting, touring and recreation, and agriculture; and

WHEREAS, since motorcycles lack the protective armor of trucks and automobiles which increases the risk of serious accidental injury and death for motorcyclists, all motorists need to operate with caution near motorcycles; and

WHEREAS, the month of May enjoys special status as Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month at the national and state level; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to set aside a time to alert motorists to the number of motorcyclists on the road and to help motorcyclists become aware of the ways they can promote safety;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Kittitas County Board of Commissioners do hereby proclaim the month of May 2012, to be

MOTORCYCLE AWARENESS MONTH

in Kittitas County, and urge all our citizens to be aware of and support the various motorcycle awareness events throughout our state during the month of May.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this Proclamation be immediately transmitted to the Kittitas County Chapter of ABATE of Washington and to the Kittitas County Sheriff's Department.

Dated this 1st day of May 2012.

**THE KITTITAS COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**



Alan Crankovich, Chairman




Obie O'Brien, Vice-Chairman

ABSENT

Paul Jewell, Commissioner





Julie Kjorsvik, Clerk of the Board