



**PROCLAMATION #PRO2022-04  
MOTORCYCLE SAFETY AWARENESS  
MONTH**

**WHEREAS**, motorcycle riding is a popular form of recreation and transportation for thousands of people in Marion County and Florida’s mild climate and scenic roadways make motorcycle riding an enjoyable experience throughout the year; and

**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**, motorcycling can be an enjoyable activity when safety is of paramount consideration and all regulations are observed; and

**WHEREAS**, there were 643,335 motorcycles registered in Florida with 14,730 in Marion County as of March 6, 2022 along with 1,373,517 motorcycle endorsements in Florida with 35,321 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 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 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 Reddick’s streets and roads;

**THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED** the City of Dunnellon hereby proclaims the month of May 2021 as

**“MOTORCYCLE SAFETY AWARENESS MONTH”**

**DULY PROCLAIMED** this 11th day of April, 2022.

**Dunnellon City Council**

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