

**PROCLAMATION DECLARING MAY 2017
MOTORCYCLE SAFETY AWARENESS MONTH**

WHEREAS, motorcycle riding is a popular form of recreation and transportation for thousands of people across the county, state and nation; and

WHEREAS, motorcycles are a common and economical means of transportation that reduces fuel consumption and road wear, and contributes in a significant way to the relief of traffic and parking congestion; and

WHEREAS, motorcyclists have the same rights and privileges as any motorist. This means they are entitled to their space on the road, no matter the size of their ride. This also means that they must follow the same road laws as other vehicles, including keeping a safe distance from other vehicles; and

WHEREAS, both motorcyclists and motorists need to be aware of their surroundings, checking blind spots, mirrors, and using turn signals when changing lanes and passing; and

WHEREAS, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and the Motorcycle Safety Foundation have designated May as Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month; and

WHEREAS, during Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month – and the rest of the year – drivers of all other vehicles are reminded to “share the road” with motorcyclists, and to be extra alert to keep motorcyclists safe; and

WHEREAS, all drivers should unite in the safe sharing of roadways throughout Hidalgo County, the state and country.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Hidalgo County Commissioners Court hereby proclaims May 2017 as Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month and urges all motorists to join in efforts to keep our highways and streets safe.

Approved this 16th day of May 2017.

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County Clerk