

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

WHEREAS, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, motorcycle deaths occur 27 times more frequently than fatalities in other motor vehicles.

WHEREAS, due to its smaller size, motorcycles may easily be overlooked in the traffic flow, and motorists are encouraged to always be aware of motorcycles; and

WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of all whom put themselves behind the wheel, to become aware of motorcyclists, and regard them with the same respect as any other vehicle traveling the roads and highways; and

WHEREAS, motorcyclists should always operate their motorcycles in a defensive manner and within the rules of the road;

WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of riders and motorists alike to obey all traffic laws and safety rules; and

WHEREAS, May is traditionally observed as a time to remind and encourage other motor vehicle operators to be cautious and observe motorcycles; and

WHEREAS, motorcycle organizations nationwide will hold various events to promote motorcycle safety and awareness, not for just one designated month, but throughout the year as well; and

WHEREAS, it is important that the citizens, residents, and visitors of Hidalgo County become aware of motorcycles on the road and recognize the importance of motorcycle safety and sharing of the roadways.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Hidalgo County Board of Commissioners does, hereby proclaim May 2017 as “Motorcycle Safety and Awareness Month” in Hidalgo County.