



PROCLAMATION



Motorcycle Awareness Month May 2024

WHEREAS, safety is the highest priority for the highways and streets of our City and State; and

WHEREAS, the great State of Illinois is proud to be a national leader in motorcycle safety, education, and awareness; and

WHEREAS, motorcycles are a primary, 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, it is especially meaningful that the citizens of our City and State be aware of motorcycles on the roadways and recognize the importance of motorcycle safety; and

WHEREAS, the members of A.B.A.T.E. of Illinois, Inc. (A Brotherhood Aimed Toward Education), continually promote motorcycle safety, education, and awareness in high school driver's education programs and to the general public in our City and State, presenting motorcycle awareness programs to over 120,000 participants in Illinois over the past seven years; and

WHEREAS, all motorcyclists should join A.B.A.T.E. of Illinois, Inc. in actively promoting the safe operation of motorcycles, as well as promoting motorcycle safety, education, awareness and respect of the Citizens of our City and State; and

WHEREAS, the motorcyclists of Illinois have contributed extensive volunteerism and money to national and community charitable organizations; and

WHEREAS, during the month of May, all roadway users should unite in the safe sharing of roadways within the City of DeKalb, and throughout the great State of Illinois.

THEREFORE, I, Cohen Barnes, Mayor of the City of DeKalb, in the great State of Illinois, in recognition of 37 years of A.B.A.T.E. of Illinois, Inc., and over 352,318 registered motorcyclists statewide, and in recognition of the continued role Illinois serves as a leader in motorcycle safety, education and awareness, do hereby proclaim the month of May 2024 as Motorcycle Awareness Month in the City of DeKalb and urge all motorists to join in an effort to improve safety and awareness on our roadways.



IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of DeKalb to be affixed this 22nd day of April 2024.

Cohen Barnes, Mayor