

**PROCLAMATION**

*WHEREAS, motorcycle riding is a popular form of recreation and transportation for thousands of people across our city, Iowa and the nation; and*

*WHEREAS, the safe operation of a motorcycle requires the use of special skills developed through a combination of training and experience, the use of good judgment, 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 laws and regulations are observed; and*

*WHEREAS, the Motorcycle Safety Awareness Campaign is intended to reduce the number of accidents, injuries, and fatalities associated with motorcycling, by encouraging motorcycle operators to participate in rider education programs, wear the proper apparel, to not drink and ride, and operate their vehicle defensively according to the rules of the road; and*

*WHEREAS, motorcycle organizations, clubs, dealerships, groups, and highway safety officials in our state should join Motorcyclists of Iowa in actively promoting safe operation, increased rider training, improved licensing efforts, and motorist awareness; and*

*WHEREAS, this special Motorcycle Safety Awareness Campaign encourages other motor vehicle operators to be cautious and observe these smaller vehicles, especially during the seasonal returns of motorcyclists to Iowa's streets and highways;*

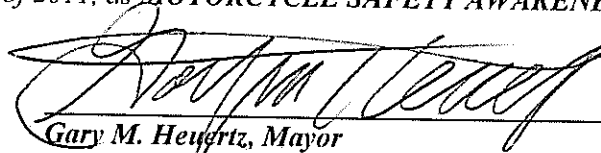
*WHEREAS, a motorcycle is a vehicle with all of the privileges of any vehicle on the roadway. Give the motorcyclist a full lane of travel.*

*WHEREAS, the general driving public needs to take a second **LOOK** for the motorcyclist on the highway, at intersections, when a motorcyclist may be making a left turn, and when a motorcyclist may be changing lanes.*

*WHEREAS, the general driving public should clearly signal their intentions. Don't follow a motorcycle too closely. Allow enough room for the motorcyclist to take evasive actions by allowing plenty of space.*

*WHEREAS, Obstructions (debris, potholes, etc.) that you may ignore or not notice can be deadly for a motorcyclist. Predict the motorcyclist's evasive actions.*

**NOW, THEREFORE**, be it resolved that I, Gary M. Heuertz, Mayor of the City of Polk City, Iowa, do hereby proclaim May of 2011, as **MOTORCYCLE SAFETY AWARENESS MONTH**

  
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Gary M. Heuertz, Mayor