

MOTORCYCLE SAFETY AWARENESS MONTH

2007

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, North Carolina has more than 150,000 registered motorcycles and 500,000 licensed drivers who have either a motorcycle endorsement or a motorcycle learner's permit according to the Department of Motor Vehicles; and

WHEREAS, it is important that the citizens of North Carolina be aware of motorcycles on our roadways and recognize the importance of motorcycle safety and of sharing the roadways; and

WHEREAS, the safe operation of a motorcycle is enhanced through a combination of rider training and experience, good judgment and a knowledge of traffic laws and licensing requirements; and

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Governor's Highway Safety Program joins the North Carolina Motorcyclists' Education Foundation, the North Carolina Motorcycle Safety Education Program and motorcycling organizations interested in the promotion of motorcycle safety and awareness in North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, May is traditionally observed as a time to remind and encourage other motor vehicle operators to be cautious and observe motorcycles, especially during their seasonal return to our streets and highways;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MICHAEL F. EASLEY, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim May 2007, as "MOTORCYCLE SAFETY AWARENESS MONTH" in North Carolina, and I urge all motor vehicle operators to join in this effort to keep our highways safe.

MICHAEL F. EASLEY

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina at the Capitol in Raleigh this twenty-fourth day of April in the year of our Lord two thousand and seven, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and thirty-first.