State of North Carolina

ROY COOPER
GOVERNOR

MOTORCYCLE SAFETY AWARENESS MONTH

2017

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the safety and security of the citizens of North Carolina are vitally important; and

WHEREAS, motorcycle riding is a popular form of recreation and transportation for thousands of North Carolina citizens; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina has more than 193,000 registered motorcycles and more than 177,000 licensed drivers who have either a motorcycle endorsement or a motorcycle learner's permit; and

WHEREAS, the month of May is traditionally the time that the number of motorcycles on roadways increases; and

WHEREAS, in 2016, there were 3,644 motorcycle-related crashes that resulted in 385 motorcyclists seriously injured and 152 fatalities; and
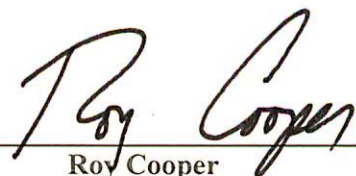
WHEREAS, it is imperative that the citizens of North Carolina be aware of motorcycles on our roadways, recognize the importance of motorcycle safety, and share the roadways; and

WHEREAS, the safe operation of a motorcycle is enhanced through a combination of rider education and training, experience, good judgment, knowledge of traffic laws and licensing requirements, and the use of highly visible safety gear including a compliant helmet; and

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Governor's Highway Safety Program and its initiative, BikeSafe North Carolina, join the North Carolina Motorcycle Safety Education Program and other motorcycling organizations in promoting motorcycle safety and awareness;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim May, 2017, as **"MOTORCYCLE SAFETY AWARENESS MONTH"** in North Carolina, and commend its observance to all citizens.

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Roy Cooper
Governor

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-seventh day of April in the year of our Lord two-thousand and seventeen and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-first.