

Proclamation

City of St. Joseph, Missouri

MOTORCYCLE AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS, the “*Motorcycle Awareness and You*” campaign is intended to prevent accidents, injuries and fatalities by encouraging motor vehicle operators to share the roadways, be cautious and observant of motorcycles; and

WHEREAS, motorcycle riding is a popular form of transportation for millions of people throughout the nation and State of Missouri; and

WHEREAS, Missouri has over 98,000 registered motorcycles, 300 motor-tricycles and nearly 300,000 individuals who have a valid operator and chauffeurs license with a motorcycle endorsement; 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 regulations; and

WHEREAS, all motorcycle organizations, clubs, dealerships, groups, and highway safety officials in our state should join together with Freedom of Road Riders, Inc., of Missouri and concerned citizens.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Bill Falkner, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of St. Joseph, do hereby proclaim the month of May, 2010 as **Motorcycle Awareness Month** in St. Joseph.

FURTHERMORE, due to the reappearance of a large number of motorcycles on the streets and highways of the City of St. Joseph, Missouri, I urge all motorists with the challenge to “Look Twice, Save a Life”.

ISSUED: This 23rd day of April, 2010

Bill Falkner

Mayor

