

## INFORMATION ON HOW TO GET A PROCLAMATION: COURTESY OF ANN TOBIAN REGION 18.

What is a proclamation?

It is a piece of paper that your local government office will agree on at their meeting of what your request is. Our request is "MAY IS MOTORCYCLE AWARENESS MONTH".

Step 1: You have to get it on their agenda so they can vote on it.

### HOW DO YOU DO THAT?

Step 2: Ask all the office near you, i.e.; county, city, village and township.

Step 3: You must do this weeks in advance of the month of May, but not too soon because you don't want it voted on until just before May.

Step 4: Find out the dates and times of their meetings.

Step 5: Find out how far in advance you need to get your request in.

Step 6: Find out how you need to get your request in to them; drop off in person or mail in (drop off is preferred as they like to SEE people).

Step 7: On the request, put your name, address and phone number or e-mail for them to contact you if needed.

Step 8: GET IT IN AT THE PROPER TIME!

Step 9: Keep a record of all dates, names, when you sent request along with when the vote is.

Step 10: Follow up to see if they received it.

Step 11: Get day & time when voting on it.

Step 12: BE THERE WHEN THEY ARE VOTING ON IT. **Extremely important!** Trust me it DOES make a difference, been there, seen it!

Step 13: Get a copy of the signed proclamation, especially if they keep yours, you may have to go back to get a Copy.

### IN THIS PACKAGE:

- Hand in or mail page #2 & #4 with paper clip. DO NOT STAPLE, DO NOT FOLD
- Keep page #3 and use if necessary at the meeting if you are asked to speak

### DAY OF VOTING

- BE THERE ON TIME!
- Sign in
- Have a short request with you in case they may ask you to speak
- Relax they are just people
- Prepare to stay the whole meeting if possible
- After meeting thank the board personally (individually)

### WILL YOU ALWAYS GET IT PASSED?

- NO! If not, don't get mad there (i.e.: say nothing negative, no gestures) – just say (if allowed to speak) thank you for your time and then leave.
- THEN, write a letter to the editor of your local newspaper & ask why someone would not want to pass such an important paper
- NO NASTY OR FOUL LANGUAGE!

### IF IT PASSES

- Contact the local paper and ask them to do an article about it!

# REQUEST FOR PROCLAMATION

My name is \_\_\_\_\_. I belong to a non-profit organization called ABATE of Michigan. ABATE stands for American Bikers Aiming Towards Education. My region covers \_\_\_\_\_ counties.

We are motorcyclists from all walks of life. Our goals are to insure safety and freedom of our public roads, promote motorcycling in general and to promote motorcycle awareness to the general public. One of the ways to do this is by getting May declared as Motorcycle Awareness Month by proclamation. So we are asking the \_\_\_\_\_ (city, village, county or township) of \_\_\_\_\_ to proclaim May as Motorcycle Awareness Month. It is our hope that by obtaining these proclamations declared by cities, townships, villages and counties that motorists will become more aware of alternate forms of transportation; which is everyone's concern. This awareness will help the visibility and safety not only of motorcyclists, but also pedestrians, bicyclists and joggers; which will increase as the weather becomes nicer and warmer.

Enclosed is a copy of the proclamation of which we believe may help in reducing accidents; thus avoiding injuries and/or deaths.

Thank you for your time and if there are any questions please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

## SHORT SPEECH

HI!

My name is \_\_\_\_\_ and I am from ABATE of Michigan, which stands for American Bikers Aiming Toward Education.

We are (or I am if just one person there) here requesting this proclamation because our hope and goal is to make motorists more aware of motorcycles.

We are trying to prevent accidents and deaths.

It not only helps us but may prevent people, joggers, bicyclists, animals and children from being hurt or killed also.

If you start seeing motorcycles you'll see anything else on the road.

Thank You

# Proclamation

## Designating May as Motorcycle Awareness Month

WHEREAS, the month of May marks the traditional start of riding season; motorcycles become more prevalent on our streets; the need to be aware of their presence is of the utmost urgency; and

WHEREAS, Motorcycle Awareness Month is designed to increase public awareness about motorcycles; encourage their safe and proper use among motorcycle riders; is worth special recognition; and

WHEREAS, motorcycles occupy a very important position in the history of our State and Nation; and

WHEREAS, the motorcycle is an efficient vehicle which reduces fuel consumption, has little impact on our overworked roads and highway system, is an important mode of transportation for commuting, touring and recreation; and

WHEREAS, over two-thirds of car-motorcycle crashes and nearly one-half of all motorcycle crashes are caused by car drivers, not by motorcyclists; and

WHEREAS, several organizations are committed to increasing the safe operation of motorcycles by promoting rider safety education programs and by providing safety instruction at local chapter meetings; and

WHEREAS, citizens should recognize the fact that motorcycle operators have the same rights and privileges as operators of other vehicles on all roads and highways; and

THEREFORE, it is in the best interest of our community and citizens to note the increase in the amount of motorcycle traffic, as we enter the warm weather months, to enable the reduction of accidents and injuries involving motorcyclists.

NOW, THEREFOR, BE IT PROCLAIMED that I/we, \_\_\_\_\_  
do hereby recognize May 2009 as

## *MOTORCYCLE AWARENESS MONTH*

and I/we call this observance to the attention of all our citizens and encourage all motorists and motorcyclists to drive safely.