

Bob Buckhorn, Mayor

WHEREAS, with motorcycle ownership in our country topping the 5 million mark, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and the Motorcycle Safety Foundation have named May 2011 as "Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month;" and

WHEREAS, states and motorcycle organizations across the country will be conducting a variety of activities to promote the importance of motorist awareness and sharing the road with motorcyclists; and

WHEREAS, locally, the Gold Wing Road Riders Association (GWRRA) is highly involved in motorcycle safety through its Rider Education Program which includes Road Captain Courses, Co-Rider Seminars, ERC Courses, Track Courses, Trailering Courses, First Aid Courses and CPR Courses. They have also developed a "Motorist Awareness Program" in an effort to educate the public regarding the fact that over two-thirds of fatal motorcycle crashes involve a motorcycle and another vehicle and how important it is for motorists to know that their actions affect the safety of motorcyclists; and

WHEREAS, using their motto of "Friends for Fun, Safety, and Knowledge," the members of Gold Wing Road Riders Association promote friendship and safety among all motorcyclists; and

WHEREAS, the City of Tampa wishes to join in this public safety campaign in an effort to ensure the safety and well being of its citizens.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bob Buckhorn, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Tampa, Florida do hereby proclaim the month of May, 2011 as

"MOTORCYCLE SAFETY AWARENESS MONTH"

in the City of Tampa, Florida and urge all citizens to be more aware of motorcycles on our roads and highways and for all motorcyclists to take advantage of motorcycle safety programs throughout the year.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 27th day of April, 2011.



Bob Buchhou