

# Proclamation



Bob Buckhorn, Mayor

**WHEREAS**, with over 6.8 million motorcycles registered in the United States, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and the Motorcycle Safety Foundation have named May as “Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month” 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**, the Gold Wing Road Riders Association (GWRRA) is an international motorcycle riding organization, established in 1977, and has a membership of 75,000 with 37 chapters in the state of Florida; and

**WHEREAS**, the Florida District of GWRRA, with 4,700 members, is highly involved in motorcycle safety through its Rider Education Program which includes courses in Road Captain, Experience Rider, Track and Trailering, First Aid and CPR, and Co-Rider Seminars; and

**WHEREAS**, the organization has 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 the failure of the other vehicle to yield the right of way to the motorcycle, and how important it is for motorists to know that their actions affect the safety of motorcyclists, and 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**, in recognition of Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month, the Tampa, Florida Chapter of GWRRA will present the annual Motorcycle Officer of the Year Award to an officer honored from the Tampa Police Department and the Hillsborough County Sheriff’s Office; 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 2013 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 29<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2013.



*Bob Buckhorn*

Mayor

