

## Proclamation

- WHEREAS, today's society is finding more citizens involved in motorcycling; and
- **WHEREAS,** the Lone Star State is home to one of the nation's largest motorcycle-riding populations and it is vital that all motorist become more aware of everyone they share the road with, especially motorcyclists; and
- **WHEREAS,** in 2021, there were 7,481 motorcycle crashes on Texas roads, leading to 2,318 serious injuries and 519 riders who lost their lives. With the lives of our fellow Texans on the line, we must do more to properly share the road and ensure the safety of motorcyclists, who represent some of our most vulnerable drivers; and
- WHEREAS, each year, the month of May is dedicated to awareness campaigns that combat motorcycle-related crashes and fatalities. There are more than 61 percent of motorcyclist deaths happen between May through October, so these campaigns have helped inform riders and motorists alike to motorcycle safety issues to reduce motorcycle related risks, injuries, and most of all fatalities, through a comprehensive approach to motorcycle safety; and
- **WHEREAS,** it is the responsibility of all who put themselves behind the wheel to become aware of motorcyclists, and to obey all traffic laws. Motorcyclist should also continue to be vigilant for their safety; and
- **WHEREAS,** motorists are encouraged to become more aware of inherent danger involved in operating a motorcycle, and for riders and motorists alike to give each other the mutual respect they deserve.
- **NOW, THEREFORE, I,** John P. Nichols, Mayor of the City of College Station, Texas, do hereby proclaim and officially recognize May 2023 as

## Motorcycle Safety and Awareness Month

It is encouraged that all College Station citizens utilize the many resources available to them to learn more about motorcycle safety and how our community do their part to make our roadways more secure.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the seal of the City of College Station, Texas this 15th day of May 2023.

John P. Nichols

Mayor

Attest:

Tanya Smith City Secretary

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