



ROCK ISLAND
ILLINOIS

Mayor Mike Thoms

Proclamation

- WHEREAS,** safety is the highest priority for the highways and streets of our City and State; and
- WHEREAS,** the great State of Illinois is proud to be a national leader in motorcycle safety, education, and awareness; and
- WHEREAS,** motorcycles are a primary, common, and economical means of transportation that reduces fuel consumption and road wear and contributes in a significant way to the relief of traffic and parking congestion; and
- WHEREAS,** it is especially meaningful that the citizens of our City and State be aware of motorcycles on the roadways and recognize the importance of motorcycle safety; and
- WHEREAS,** the members of A.B.A.T.E. of Illinois, Inc. (A Brotherhood Aimed Toward Education) continually promote motorcycle safety, education, and awareness in high school drivers' education programs and to the general public in our City and State, presenting motorcycle awareness programs to over 120,000 participants in Illinois over the past seven years; and
- WHEREAS,** all motorcyclists should join A.B.A.T.E. of Illinois, Inc. in actively promoting the safe operation of motorcycles, as well as promoting motorcycle safety, education, awareness, and respect of the citizens of our City and State; and
- WHEREAS,** the motorcyclists of Illinois have contributed extensive volunteerism and money to national and community charitable organizations; and
- WHEREAS,** during the month of May, all roadway users should unite in the safe sharing of roadways within the City of Rock Island and throughout the great State of Illinois.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mike Thoms, Mayor of the City of Rock Island, in recognition of 36 years of A.B.A.T.E. of Illinois, Inc., and over 352,318 registered motorcyclists statewide, and in recognition of the continued role Illinois serves as a leader in motorcycle safety, education and awareness, do hereby proclaim the month of May, 2023 as

Motorcycle Awareness Month

in the City of Rock Island, Illinois, and urge all motorists to join in an effort to improve safety and awareness on our roadways.

Dated this 24th day of April, 2022.

Mike Thoms, Mayor