



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, May is “**National Motorcycle Safety and Awareness**” Month, and the Texas Department of Public Safety urges all motorcycle enthusiasts, both experienced and inexperienced, to attend a professionally taught motorcycle course to sharpen their skills and pledge to always wear quality protective gear, including a helmet; and

WHEREAS, the safe operation of a motorcycle requires the use of skills developed through a combination of training, experience, the use of good judgment, and a knowledge of traffic laws; and

WHEREAS, Texas has more than 630,000 people qualified to operate a motorcycle and during the month of May, motorcycle organizations will hold various events to promote motorcycle safety with the hope of raising the public’s awareness of motorcycling and motorcycle riders; and

WHEREAS, in Texas a motorcyclist dies in a crash on our roads every day, and in the year 2015, 455 motorcyclists lost their lives and 1,867 were seriously injured, half of these from colliding with a car or truck; and

WHEREAS, sharing the road with motorcycles can be safer if we all “**look twice**,” especially at intersections, use turn signals, don’t follow a motorcycle too close, check our mirrors before changing lanes, always assume a motorcycle is closer than it appears to be, and always give a motorcyclist a full lane;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Larry McLellan, Mayor of the City of Big Spring, Texas, do hereby proclaim May 2016 as:

“**MOTORCYCLE SAFETY AND AWARENESS MONTH**”

in Big Spring, Texas, and call upon all citizens to “**look twice**,” “**share the road**,” and watch for motorcycles and their riders in the community in which we all live.



GIVEN UNDER MY HAND
and seal of the
City of Big Spring,
this 10th day of May, 2016

Larry McLellan, Mayor