

ALAMANCE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Proclamation

**MOTORCYCLE SAFETY AWARENESS MONTH
MAY 2024**

WHEREAS, as more and more residents are turning to motorcycles as a form of transportation and with the warmer weather approaching; it is time to remind property owners to do their part to keep grass clippings and yard debris off of the roadways and encourage drivers to be alert and share the road with a motorcyclist and other types of small vehicles; and

WHEREAS, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and the Motorcycle Safety have named May Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month and May is traditionally the time that the number of motorcycles on roadways increases; and

WHEREAS, motorcycle riding is not only a popular form of recreation and transportation for thousands of citizens across North Carolina and Alamance County; but an economical means of transportation that reduces fuel consumption, and road wear, helps to alleviate traffic and parking congestion; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina has over 250,000 registered motorcycles and more than 200,000 licensed drivers who have either a motorcycle endorsement or a motorcycle learner's permit; and

WHEREAS, across the state in 2022, there were 3,743 motorcycle-related crashes that resulted in 206 fatalities and 2,869 motorcyclists seriously injured; and

WHEREAS, it is important that the citizens of North Carolina and Alamance County be aware of motorcycles on our roadways and recognize the importance of motorcycle safety and share the roadways; and

WHEREAS, the safe operation of a motorcycle is enhanced through a combination of rider training and experience, good judgment, a knowledge of traffic laws and licensing requirements, and the use of highly visible safety gear; and

WHEREAS, several organizations, such as the Alamance County Concerned Bikers Association, the North Carolina Motorcycle Safety Education Program, and other state and local motorcycle clubs and riding/social clubs are committed to increasing the safe operation of motorcycles by promoting rider safety education programs; and

WHEREAS, Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month is designed to increase public awareness about motorcycles and safely sharing the road with motorcycles and to encourage their safe and proper use among motorcycle riders; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT WE, the Alamance County Board of Commissioners, do hereby proclaim the month of May as "**MOTORCYCLE SAFETY AWARENESS MONTH**" in Alamance County, North Carolina, and urge all citizens to join in this effort to promote awareness, mutual respect, and safety on our roads.

Signed this 6th day of May 2024

Alamance County Board of Commissioners

John Paisley, Jr., Chairman

Attest: _____
Tory Frink, Clerk to the Board