



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, safety is the highest priority for the highways and streets of our city and state and it is especially meaningful that our citizens be aware of motorcycle on the roadways and recognize the importance of motorcycle safety;

WHEREAS, the great State of Illinois is proud to be a national leader in motorcycle safety, education and awareness;

WHEREAS, motorcycles are a 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;

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 100,000 participants in Illinois over the past 4 years;

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 to the citizens of our city and state;

WHEREAS, the motorcyclists of Illinois have contributed extensive volunteerism and money to national and community charitable organizations for the enhancement and support of these organizations;

WHEREAS, during the month of May 2011, in recognition of 24 years of A.B.A.T.E. in Illinois and in recognition of the over 614,800 registered motorcyclists statewide, all drivers should unite in safe sharing of roadways within the City of Joliet and throughout the great State of Illinois.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Arthur Schultz, Mayor of the City of Joliet, Illinois, on behalf of the Joliet City Council, in recognition of the 24th anniversary of the efforts of A.B.A.T.E. of Illinois, Inc. do hereby proclaim May 2011 as **MOTORCYCLE AWARENESS MONTH** in the City of Joliet, and encourage all residents of Joliet to join the ongoing effort to improve safety and awareness of our city's streets and highways.

DATE: APRIL 19, 2011


MAYOR ARTHUR SCHULTZ