

# PROCLAMATION

## MOTORCYCLE AWARENESS MONTH

**WHEREAS**, safety is the highest priority for the highways and streets of our Village 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 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 Village 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 Village and State, presenting motorcycle awareness programs to over 100,000 participants in Illinois over the past three years; and

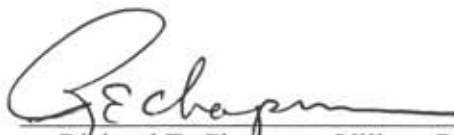
**WHEREAS**, all motorcyclists should join A.B.A.T.E. of Illinois, Inc. in actively promoting the safe operation of motorcycles as well as promoting motorcycle safety, education, awareness and respect of the citizens of our Village and State; and

**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; and

**WHEREAS**, during the month of May, all roadway users should unite in the safe sharing of roadways within the Village of Shorewood and throughout the great State of Illinois.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Richard E. Chapman, President of the Village of Shorewood, in the great State of Illinois, in recognition of the 24<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the efforts of A.B.A.T.E. of Illinois, Inc., and over 558,000 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 Motorcycle Awareness Month in the Village of Shorewood, and urge all motorists to join in an effort to improve safety and awareness on our roadways.

Dated this 26<sup>th</sup> day of April 2011.



Richard E. Chapman, Village President

Attest:



Julia A. Russell, Village Clerk