

PROCLAMATION

Of MOTORCYCLE AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS, over the past 12 years, motorcycle fatalities have increased one hundred fifty percent as reported in the United States Department of Transportation's Fatality Analysis Report; and

WHEREAS, in 2010 the National Highway Safety Commission reported 1,319 traffic fatalities for North Carolina and 191 of those were motorcycle related fatalities; and

WHEREAS, the Buncombe County Chapter of Concerned Bikers Association of North Carolina has requested that the month of May be proclaimed "Motorcycle Awareness Month"; and

WHEREAS, these motorcyclists organize and participate in motorcycle safety, education and rider training programs and public awareness programs; and

WHEREAS, Asheville and Buncombe County motorcyclists have banded together to actively promote a positive image of motorcyclists and during the month of May will be challenging drivers to "Look Twice to Save a Life" and to lobby the North Carolina General Assembly to allow a public service message in support of this campaign to be displayed on electronic message boards on our roadways; and

WHEREAS, this Board feels that it is in the best interest of all citizens to promote motorcycle safety awareness and to foster a sense of brotherhood and sisterhood among all users of our County roadways.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED by the Board of Commissioners for the County of Buncombe as follows:

That the month of May, 2012 be proclaimed:

"MOTORCYCLE AWARENESS MONTH"

in Buncombe County.

That all citizens of Buncombe County are hereby encouraged to join area motorcyclists in an effort to improve traffic safety and increase motorcycle awareness and that this Commission will join other counties to encourage the North Carolina General Assembly to use electronic message boards to encourage motorists to be more aware of the dangers of motorcyclists and to "Look Twice to Save Life".

ADOPTED this the 17th day of April, 2012.

BUNCOMBE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

BY: _____
DAVID GANTT
CHAIRMAN

