



CERTIFICATE of RECOGNITION

By virtue of the authority vested by the Constitution in the Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia, there is hereby officially recognized:

VIRGINIA MOTORCYCLE SAFETY AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS, Virginia's climate and scenery make motorcycle riding a year-round attraction in the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, Virginia's many scenic roads and byways, including Skyline Drive and the historic Blue Ridge Parkway, are among the nation's finest roads for motorcycling; and

WHEREAS, motorcycles are increasingly used as a regular means of transportation and are an important form of transportation for commuting, touring and recreation; and

WHEREAS, motorcycles are fuel efficient and reduce highway wear, traffic and parking congestion; and

WHEREAS, more than 350,000 Virginia motorists have a motorcycle endorsement on their operator's license; and

WHEREAS, as a matter of safety, it is necessary for motorcyclists to obtain the specialized skills necessary to safely operate motorcycles on Virginia's roads and highways; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary for motorists to be aware of the presence of motorcycles on Virginia's roads and highways and to exercise caution, as motorcycles have the capacity to brake and steer more quickly than automobiles; and

WHEREAS, to prevent injuries and deaths on Virginia's roads and highways, motorcyclists and motorists alike must be vigilant in their efforts to share the road with other road users, and ensure the safety of everyone;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Robert F. McDonnell, do hereby recognize May 2012 as **VIRGINIA MOTORCYCLE SAFETY AWARENESS MONTH** in the **COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA** and call this observance to the attention of all our citizens and our visitors.

BE IT FURTHER RECOGNIZED, that I encourage motorcyclists to ensure a current motorcycle endorsement, to wear appropriate protective equipment and to pursue safety training including that available through the Virginia Rider Training Program.




Governor


Secretary of the Commonwealth