



City of Auburn **PROCLAMATION**

WHEREAS, today's society is finding more citizens involved in motorcycling on the roads of our country; and

WHEREAS, motorcyclists are roughly unprotected and much more likely to be injured or killed in a crash than other vehicle drivers; and

WHEREAS, The U.S. Department of Transportation's National Highway Traffic Safety Administration reminds all motorists that *Motorcyclist's Safety Is Everyone's Safety*; and

WHEREAS, According to NHTSA data, there were 6,218 motorcyclists killed in traffic crashes in 2022, which represents 15% of total highway fatalities for that year and a 1% increase from 2021 (6,143). Per 100 million vehicle miles traveled, motorcyclists were about 22 times more likely than passenger car occupants to die in a motor vehicle crash and 4 times more likely to be injured; and

WHEREAS, it is also the responsibility of all who put themselves behind the wheel to become aware of motorcyclists, regarding them with the same respect as any other vehicle traveling the highways of this country; and it is the responsibility of riders and motorists alike to obey all traffic laws and safety rules; and

WHEREAS, the local group American Bikers Aimed Toward Education (ABATE) of Cayuga County is a chapter of ABATE of NY and their goal is to enhance the image of motorcycling, provide educational and social opportunities for members and non-members and we thank the members of ABATE for their work to educate locally on this important topic.

NOW THEREFORE, I, James N Giannettino, Jr., Mayor of the City of Auburn, New York, on behalf of the City Council and the Citizens of Auburn, do hereby proclaim the month of May as

MOTORCYCLE SAFETY AND AWARENESS MONTH

and we encourage all motor vehicle operators to consistently follow safe driving and riding practices and sharing them with others, so that all motorists can help reduce the number of motorcyclist fatalities on America's roads.



In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Auburn to be affixed this Ninth Day of May 2024.

James N Giannettino, Jr., Mayor
City of Auburn, New York