

**WHEREAS**, motorcycle riding is a popular form of recreation and efficient transportation for more than 1,000,000 people in California; and

**WHEREAS**, it is important that the drivers of all vehicles be aware of one another and learn to share the road and practice courtesy; and

**WHEREAS**, motorcycles provide transportation that uses fewer resources, causes less wear and tear on public roadways, and increases available parking areas; and

**WHEREAS**, automobile operators who have been educated to watch for motorcyclists on the streets and highways of California increase safety; and

**WHEREAS**, it is especially important that the citizens of California be aware of motorcycles on the streets and highways and recognize the importance of motorcycle safety; and

**WHEREAS**, the American Brotherhood Aimed Toward Education (ABATE) of California Local #32 of Santa Clara Valley is an organization that actively promotes the safe operation, increased rider training, and increased motorist awareness of motorcycles; and

**WHEREAS**, it is important to recognize the need for awareness on the part of all drivers, especially with regard to sharing the road with motorcycles, and to honor motorcyclists' many contributions to the communities in which they live and ride.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Clara, State of California does proclaim May, 2005 as

# motorcycle awareness month

In Santa Clara County and urges both motorcycle riders and automobile drivers to follow the rules of the road so that all citizens will remain safe.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED**, this Third Day of May, Two Thousand and Five by unanimous vote.