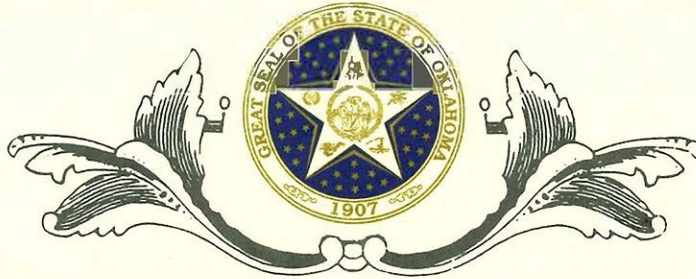


STATE OF OKLAHOMA



EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Proclamation

Whereas, safety is the state's highest priority for the highways, interstates and turnpikes of the great State of Oklahoma; and

Whereas, motorcycle fatalities in Oklahoma are trending upwards with 76 fatalities occurring in 2021, 53 of which were not wearing helmets accounting for nearly 70 percent of these fatalities; and

Whereas, motorcyclists are 27 times more likely to die in a crash than other motorists and 80 percent of all motorcycle crashes result in injury or death; and

Whereas, it is 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 state; and

Whereas, motorcyclists should be active participants in their own safety: Be Visible, Dress for Safety, Know Your Bike, Reduce your Speed, Never Drive Distracted or Under the Influence; and

Whereas, motorcycle riding is a popular form of transportation and recreation for more than 180,000 people across the state and millions across the nation; and

Whereas, the Oklahoma Department of Transportation, the Oklahoma Turnpike Authority and the Oklahoma Department of Public Safety encourage all motorists to follow standard safety protocols, especially around motorcycles, to help everyone Make it Home Safe and Make Oklahoma Safe; and

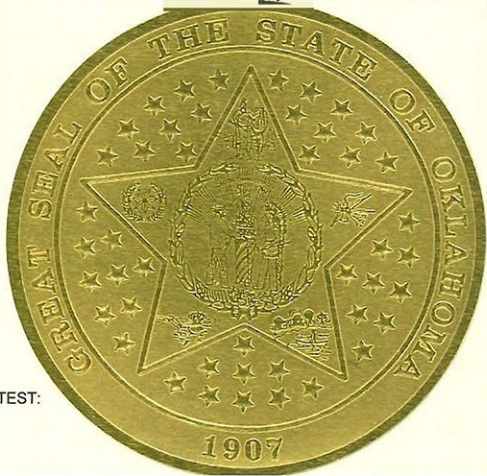
Whereas, all roadway users should unite in the safe sharing of the roadway throughout the State of Oklahoma;

Now Therefore, I, Governor J. Kevin Stitt, do hereby proclaim May 1-31, 2023 as

"Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month"

in the State of Oklahoma.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Oklahoma to be affixed.



Done at the Capitol, in the City of Oklahoma City, this fifth day of April, in the Year of Our Lord two thousand and twenty three and of the State of Oklahoma in the one hundred and fifteenth year.

ATTEST:

SECRETARY OF STATE

GOVERNOR

Bruce Blyden

Kevin Stitt