

AGENDA ITEM 34

Consider approving a Proclamation to designate the month of May as “Motorcycle Safety and Awareness Month”.

Moved: **Commissioner Boatright**

Seconded: **Judge Doerfler**

Motion: To approve a Proclamation to designate the month of May as “Motorcycle Safety and Awareness Month”.

Vote: **5 – 0**

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May 2, 2004

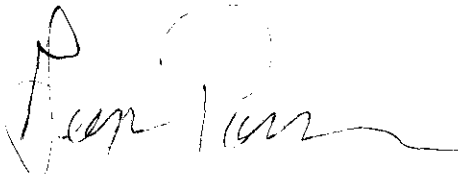
The Honorable Judge John Doerfler
Williamson County Courthouse
710 Main Street, 2nd. Floor
Georgetown, Texas 78626

RE: Governor of Texas proclamation of May as "Motorcycle Safety and Awareness Month"

Dear Judge,

I would like to request that you submit for recognition to the Commissioner's Court on May 11 to consider acknowledging May as "Motorcycle Safety and Awareness Month."

I have enclosed a copy of the Governors proclamation signed on the 1st of April 2003 for your review.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "George Power", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

George Power

approved 5-11-04
John C. Doerfler

STATE OF TEXAS
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

Motorcycling is a popular form of transportation and recreation for many Texans. Our beautiful roadways and warm climate contribute to Texas having one of the nation's largest motorcycling populations. According to the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS), almost 700,000 Texans are licensed to operate a motorcycle.

The basic and advanced motorcycle operator training courses offered by the DPS, the use of proper protective equipment, and motorist awareness all contribute to reducing the number of motorcycle-related crashes and resulting injuries and fatalities. Since 1983, more than 140,000 Texas motorcyclists have completed a motorcycle operator training course. In 2002, 20,636 Texans accepted the challenge and enrolled in one of the courses.

To promote motorcycle safety, the DPS Motorcycle Safety Unit provides important information through its Internet site and the distribution of literature.

At this time, therefore, I encourage all Texans to join the DPS in its motorcycle safety and awareness campaign by doing their best to ensure the safety of motorcyclists and other users of Texas roadways.

Therefore, I, Rick Perry, Governor of Texas, do hereby proclaim
May 2003,

Motorcycle Safety and Awareness Month



in Texas, and urge the appropriate
recognition whereof.

In official recognition whereof,
I hereby affix my signature this the
1st day of April, 2003.

Rick Perry
Governor of Texas

Approved 5-11-04

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May 4, 2004

May is Motorcycle Safety Month

May is Motorcycle Safety and Awareness Month in Texas, and DPS urges all motorcycle enthusiasts—both experienced and inexperienced—to attend a professionally taught motorcycle course to hone their skills.

"More than 700,000 people in Texas are licensed to operate a motorcycle," said Clifton Burdette, coordinator of the DPS Motorcycle Safety Unit. "Operating a motorcycle safely requires the use of special mental and physical skills. Riders can attain these skills by attending professionally taught motorcycle operator training courses, as well as through personal experience."

The DPS Motorcycle Safety Unit offers basic and advanced motorcycle operator training in 60 permanent locations and 7 mobile sites that utilize two self-contained mobile training units. Last year, 23,557 Texans took either the basic or advanced course.

The basic motorcycle operator training course is for unlicensed or inexperienced riders, and the advanced course is for more experienced riders. The basic course may be used to waive the licensing road test and both of the courses may qualify for ticket dismissal and insurance discounts.

While Texas does not require all motorcycle riders to wear helmets, the DPS strongly encourages riders to wear helmets to increase safety and save lives. Texas law states that in order to be exempt from wearing a helmet, a person must be at least 21 years of age. In addition, they must successfully complete a motorcycle safety course *or* be covered by a health insurance plan providing at least \$10,000 in medical benefits for motorcycle-related injuries.

Information about the Motorcycle Safety Unit classes can be found on the DPS Web site at www.txdps.state.tx.us/msb. For additional information on

motorcycle training, call 512-424-2021 or toll-free at 1-800-292-5787.

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AGENDA ITEM 35

Consider designating May 16th through 22nd, 2004 as EMS Week in Williamson County.

John Sneed, Director of Williamson County Emergency Medical Services, addressed the Court.

Moved: **Commissioner Boatright**

Seconded: **Judge Doerfler**

Motion: To designate May 16th through 22nd, 2004 as EMS Week in Williamson County.

Vote: **5 – 0**

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