

**State of Vermont
Executive Department
A Proclamation**

- WHEREAS,** many citizens of Vermont enjoy the pleasure of riding motorcycles throughout the spring and summer seasons; and
- WHEREAS,** between 2005 and 2009, motorcycle helmet use increased from 48% to 67%; and
- WHEREAS,** motorcycle helmets saved 1,829 motorcyclists' lives in 2008; and
- WHEREAS,** as gas prices continue to rise, people continue to turn to motorcycles for commuting, business, and recreation; and
- WHEREAS,** motorcycles can be difficult for other drivers to see due to their smaller sizes, and car-motorcycle accidents generally have serious results for the motorcyclist; and
- WHEREAS,** simple awareness reminders can help prevent motorcycle accidents; and
- WHEREAS,** the State of Vermont is committed to keeping our roads safe for all citizens;
- NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim May 2011 as

MOTORCYCLE AWARENESS MONTH

in Vermont and encourage all citizens to be mindful of motorcyclists throughout their summer travels.



Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont this 1st day of June, A.D. 2011.

/S/
Peter Shumlin
Governor