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Commissioners Proclaim Motorcycle Awareness Month in Lake County

PAINESVILLE, Ohio, May 29, 2026— May marks the beginning of riding season for many motorcyclists in our community. At yesterday’s Commissioners meeting, the Board of Lake County Commissioners proclaimed the month of May as Motorcycle Awareness Month.

The U.S. Department of Transportation’s National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) reminds all motorists that Motorcyclists’ Safety Is Everyone’s Safety. Motorcycle safety is an ongoing responsibility for all road users. By consistently following safe driving and riding practices and sharing them with others, all motorists can help reduce the number of motorcyclist fatalities on America’s roads.

“Motorcycle Awareness Month serves as an important reminder that we all share responsibility for safety on our roadways,” said Commission President Morris W. Beverage III. “As more riders take to the roads this season, drivers and motorcyclists alike must remain alert, attentive, and respectful of one another to help prevent accidents and save lives.”

According to the NHTSA, the following are safe driving and riding practices that all road users — vehicle drivers and motorcyclists alike — should follow to help reduce the number of fatalities and injuries on America’s roadways:

- Observe all traffic laws and always obey the speed limit.
- Drive and ride alcohol- and drug-free.
- Avoid distractions while driving or riding.
- Drivers should yield to motorcyclists, especially while turning at intersections.
- Motorcyclists should wear high-visibility protective gear and DOT-compliant motorcycle helmets.

Learn how to identify a safe, DOT-compliant helmet at www.nhtsa.gov/motorcycle-safety/choose-right-motorcycle-helmet



From the left: Commissioner John T. Plecnik, Dave Spotton, Commissioners Morris W. Beverage III and Mogan R. McIntosh.

“One of the best ways to protect riders is through awareness and education,” said Commissioner John T. Plecnik. “Motorcyclists are often less visible than other vehicles, so it is critical for drivers to stay focused and exercise extra caution, particularly at intersections and during lane changes.”

One other significant step that motorcycle riders can take toward promoting road safety for all motorists is completing a rider education and training course. During Motorcycle Awareness Month — and every month — motorcycle riders should commit to adopting and promoting safe driving and riding practices. Everyone can work toward a secure environment for motorcycle riders and all other motorists.

“As warmer weather arrives and more motorcycles return to the roads, now is the perfect time to remind everyone to prioritize safety,” said Commissioner Morgan R. McIntosh. “Whether traveling on two wheels or four, every motorist plays a role in creating a safer experience for all who use our roadways.”

For more information on motorcycle safety, visit [NHTSA.gov/Motorcycles](https://nhtsa.gov/Motorcycles). For additional statistics, please visit <https://cdan.nhtsa.gov/> and search “motorcycle” under Crash Data Publications.

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