## **PROCLAMATION**

## MOTORCYCLE AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS, safety is the highest priority for the highways and streets of our Village and State; and

WHEREAS, the great State of Illinois is proud to be a national leader in motorcycle safety, education, and awareness; and

WHEREAS, motorcycles are a common and economical means of transportation that reduces fuel consumption and road wear, and contributes in a significant way to the relief of traffic and parking congestion; and

WHEREAS, it is especially meaningful that the citizens of our Village and State be aware of motorcycles on the roadways and recognize the importance of motorcycle safety; and

WHEREAS, the members of A.B.A.T.E. of Illinois, Inc. (A Brotherhood Aimed Toward Education), continually promote motorcycle safety, education, and awareness in high school drivers' education programs and to the general public in our Village and State, presenting motorcycle awareness programs to over 100,000 participants in Illinois over the past four years; and

WHEREAS, all motorcyclists should join A.B.A.T.E. of Illinois, Inc. in actively promoting the safe operation of motorcycles as well as promoting motorcycle safety, education, awareness and respect of the citizens of our Village and State; and

WHEREAS, the motorcyclists of Illinois have contributed extensive volunteerism and money to national and community charitable organizations; and

WHEREAS, during the month of May, all roadway users should unite in the safe sharing of roadways within the Village of Morton and throughout the great State of Illinois;

NOW, THEREFORE, AS PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF MORTON, Tazewell County, Illinois, in recognition of 26 years of A.B.A.T.E. of Illinois, Inc., and over 648,000 registered motorcyclists statewide, and in recognition of the continued role Illinois serves as a leader in motorcycle safety, education and awareness, I do hereby proclaim the month of May, 2014, as MOTORCYCLE AWARENESS MONTH in the Village of Morton, and urge all motorists to join in an effort to improve safety and awareness on our roadways.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the Village of Morton to be affixed.

DATED this  $5^{th}$  day of May, 2014.

Ronald Rainson

VILLAGE SEAL

President of the Board of Trustees

ATTEST:

Village Clerk