

A Proclamation Submitted by Legislators Dixon, Lorigo, Rath, Mills,
Baskin, Bruso, Hardwick, Johnson Jr, Loughran & Meyers

STATE OF NEW YORK
LEGISLATURE OF ERIE COUNTY
BUFFALO, N.Y., MAY 9, 2019 A.D.

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT at a regular session of the Legislature of Erie County held in the County Hall, in the City of Buffalo, on the 9th day of May, 2019 A.D., a resolution was adopted, of which the following is a true copy:

Honoring American Bikers Aimed Toward Education (ABATE) and Celebrating the 29th Annual ABATE Safety & Awareness Ride, and Encourage Drivers to be Observant for Motorcyclists and Fellow Drivers

WHEREAS, the Erie County Legislature seeks to honor individuals and institutions of Erie County who enhance the quality of life in the community through their efforts; and

WHEREAS, American Bikers Aimed Toward Education (ABATE) will be holding its 29th Annual Bikers Awareness Motorcycle Run on May 4, 2019 starting from the steps of the Edward A. Rath County Office Building to help promote motorcycling safety and the freedom of the road; and

WHEREAS, ABATE is a nonprofit corporation formed to promote and protect the interests of New York State motorcyclists and began in 1971 to represent biking as more than just recreation but a socially responsible form of personal transportation that saves energy, reduces congestion, and provides a multitude of public benefits; and

WHEREAS, ABATE monitors and supports legislation that protects access to New York State roadways by motorcycles, provides educational seminars to members and non-members, and promotes motorcycle safety and passenger briefings; and

WHEREAS, ABATE also helps to promote, and raise funds and awareness for local nonprofit organizations, such as the Food Bank of Western New York, Epilepsy Foundation of Western New York, Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra, Meals on Wheels, local volunteer fire companies and many others; and

WHEREAS, the number of motorcycles in New York total more than 400,000, with over 60,000 motorcycles registered in Western New York and these numbers are forecasted to grow in the next decade.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Erie County Legislature pauses in its deliberations to recognize and acknowledge ABATE and to encourage residents to support the 29th Annual ABATE Safety & Awareness Ride, and to further encourage area drivers to be observant for motorcyclists who share our region's roadways.