



# Massachusetts Motorcycle Association

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Dear Honorable Governor Deval Patrick:

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The Massachusetts Motorcycle Association (MMA) is a not-for-profit organization of motorcycle riders and enthusiasts dedicated to the preservation and enhancement of motorcyclists' rights while also promoting motorcycle safety and awareness throughout the Commonwealth.

As with all organizations, the leadership changes periodically, and we would like to bring some of those personnel changes to your attention. Of particular note, Paul Cote has left the MMA to further pursue his activities with various Motorcyclists' Survivors Funds and is no longer the MMA's Director of Government Relations nor is he a member of the MMA Board of Directors. Additional Board of Directors personnel changes are as follows:

Chairman, Dave Condon, (978) 745-2216, [chairman@massmotorcycle.org](mailto:chairman@massmotorcycle.org)

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The MMA initiated 7 years ago (2002) a proclamation concerning an annual Motorcycle Safety and Awareness Period (last week of March and the entire month of April) to be delivered by the office of our Governor. You have been kind enough to support the motorcyclists of the Commonwealth the last 2 years and we would appreciate your continued support this year. It's our belief that the MMA, working in close cooperation with you and your predecessors has helped reduce the annual motorcycle accident and fatality rates specifically noted last year. We would like to continue that close cooperation working with you to not only continue that success, but possibly help drive more Motorcycle Revenue into the State's economy.

If we can work together to assure that the Proclamation is clearly publicized by both the MMA and the Commonwealth, we can assure that people from around New England realize that Massachusetts cares for the safety of Motorcyclists, which will go a long way to increase our casual riding and tourist numbers.

We would truly appreciate your support to issue the Massachusetts Motorcycle Safety and Awareness Proclamation for 2009. In conjunction with that, we would appreciate a meeting with you to witness signing of the aforementioned proclamation when the time approaches.

Please feel free to contact us with any questions. Your time and attention to these matters is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

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## A Proclamation

His Excellency Governor Deval L. Patrick

**W**hereas The motorcycle has become an increasingly popular means of transportation for commuting, as well as for touring and recreation; and

**W**hereas There is a growing need for cooperation among drivers of automobiles, trucks, motorcyclists, bicyclists and pedestrians who use our streets and highways to reduce injuries and fatalities; and

**W**hereas It is critical for all Massachusetts citizens to increase their knowledge of the rules of the road and the rights and responsibilities of all roadway users; and

**W**hereas Numerous organizations are committed to making our streets and highways safe for all motor vehicle-related transportation, including the Governor's Highway Safety Bureau, the Massachusetts Rider Education Program, the Registry of Motor Vehicles, the American Motorcyclists Association, the Motorcycle Safety Foundation, the Massachusetts Motorcycle Association, and many motorcycle businesses and clubs in the Commonwealth,

**N**ow, Therefore, I, **Deval L. Patrick**, Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, do hereby proclaim March 24<sup>th</sup> – April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2008, to be,

### MOTORCYCLE SAFETY AWARENESS PERIOD

And urge all the citizens of the Commonwealth to take cognizance of this event and participate fittingly in its observance.

Given at the Executive Chamber in Boston, this nineteenth day of February, in the year two thousand and eight, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the two hundred and thirty-first.

By His Excellency



DEVAL L. PATRICK  
GOVERNOR OF THE COMMONWEALTH

WILLIAM FRANCIS GALVIN  
SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH

God Save the Commonwealth of Massachusetts