



**THE TOWN OF CORTLAND, ILLINOIS
PROCLAMATION BY THE MAYOR**

WHEREAS, safety is the highest priority for the highways and streets of our TOWN 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 primary, 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 TOWN and state be aware of motorcycles on the roadways and recognize the importance of motorcycle safety; and

WHEREAS, the members of ABATE 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 TOWN and State, presenting motorcycle awareness programs to over 120,000 participants in Illinois over the past nine years; and

WHEREAS, all motorcyclists should join ABATE 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 TOWN 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 TOWN of CORTLAND, and throughout the great State of Illinois;

THEREFORE, I Mark Pietrowski, Jr Mayor of the TOWN of CORTLAND, in the great state of Illinois, in recognition of 39 years of ABATE of Illinois, Inc., and over 352,500 registered motorcyclists statewide, and in recognition of the continued role Illinois serves as a leader in motorcycle safety, education and awareness,

**DO HEREBY PROCLAIM THE MONTH OF MAY, THIS YEAR 2026 AS
MOTORCYCLE AWARENESS MONTH**

In the TOWN of CORTLAND, 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 Great Seal of the TOWN of CORTLAND, to be affixed this 15 day of April, in the year Two Thousand Twenty-Six.



Open Roads ABATE of IL, Inc.