

P2009-01

# ***P R O C L A M A T I O N***

## ***May is Motorcycle Awareness and Safety Month***

Whereas DeKalb County is the home of the NIU-State Motorcycle Safety Program;

And whereas, since sharing a roadway is where motorist awareness starts, the Illinois Department of Transportation and the DeKalb County Sheriff's Department urge all motor vehicle drivers to respect that cyclists rightfully enjoy the same access to the roads as other traffic; and

Whereas, DeKalb County and northern Illinois motorcyclists have had the opportunity to take part in the Illinois Department of Transportation Illinois Cycle Rider Safety program, for more than three decades; and

Whereas, the program is supported by a portion of state motorcycle and vehicle registration fees and has been responsible locally for training more than 68,433 cyclists;

Whereas, better rider education, licensing, and public awareness lead to safer motorcycling;

Therefore, I, Ruth Anne Tobias, Chair of the DeKalb County Board, do hereby proclaim May 2009 as Motorcycle Awareness and Safety Month in DeKalb County, and encourage all drivers to keep our roadways safe through proper motorist awareness.

*GIVEN AT SYCAMORE, ILLINOIS, THIS 15<sup>th</sup> DAY OF APRIL 2009,*

*A.D., MYSELF AS WITNESS.*

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***Ruth Anne Tobias, Chairman***



**#P2009-02**  
**PROCLAMATION IN SUPPORT OF NATIONAL COUNTY GOVERNMENT**  
**WEEK**  
**MAY 3 -9, 2009**  
**PROTECTING THE ENVIRONMENT**

**“Greening Our Future”**

WHEREAS, the nation’s 3,068 counties provide a variety of essential public services to communities serving 300 million Americans; and

WHEREAS, DeKalb County and all counties take seriously their responsibility to protect and enhance the health, welfare and safety of its residents in sensible and cost-effective ways; and

WHEREAS, many county government initiatives and programs involve the protection of valuable and vulnerable environmental resources in communities; and

WHEREAS, the National Association of Counties (NACo) is the only national organization that represents county governments in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the National Association of Counties created National County Government Week in 1991 to raise public awareness and understanding about the roles and responsibilities of the nation’s counties to meet the needs of the community; and

WHEREAS, NACo and DeKalb County are working together to Restore the Partnership between all levels of government to better serve American communities.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, THAT I, RUTH ANNE TOBIAS, CHAIRMAN OF THE DEKALB COUNTY BOARD, DO hereby proclaim May 3 – 9, 2009 as National County Government Week and encourage all DeKalb County officials, employees, schools and residents to participate in county government week activities.

**May 3 - 9, 2009 as**  
**National County Government Week**

PASSED AT SYCAMORE, ILLINOIS, THIS FIFTEENTH DAY OF APRIL, 2009, A.D.



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Ruth Anne Tobias, Chair

**#P2009-03**  
**PROCLAMATION IN SUPPORT OF SILVER STAR BANNER DAY**  
**MAY 1, 2009**

WHEREAS, the County of DeKalb, Illinois has always honored the sacrifice of the men and women in the Armed Forces; and

WHEREAS, the Silver Star Families of America was formed to make sure we remember the blood sacrifice of our wounded and ill by designing and manufacturing a Silver Star Banner and Flag; and

WHEREAS, to date the Silver Star Families of America has freely given thousands of Silver Star Banners to the wounded and their families; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Silver Star Families of America have worked tirelessly to provide the wounded of this County and Country with Silver Star Banners, Flags and care packages; and

WHEREAS, the Silver Star Families of America's sole mission is that every time someone sees a Silver Star Banner in a window or a Silver Star Flag flying, that people remember the sacrificed for this County, State and Nation; and

WHEREAS, the people and Chairman of the DeKalb County Board wish that the sacrifice of so many in our Armed Forces never be forgotten.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, THAT I, RUTH ANNE TOBIAS, CHAIRMAN OF THE DEKALB COUNTY BOARD, DO hereby proclaim my appreciation of the Silver Star Families of America and honor their commitment to our wounded Armed Forces members. I hereby declare May 1, 2009 as "Silver Star Banner Day" the permanent and official day to honor the wounded and ill Soldiers of the County of DeKalb, Illinois.

PASSED AT SYCAMORE, ILLINOIS, THIS FIFTEENTH DAY OF APRIL, 2009, A.D.



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Ruth Anne Tobias, Chair