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The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration is proud to partner with motorcyclists across the United States to present the *National Agenda for Motorcycle Safety*. The *National Agenda* provides a snapshot of motorcycle safety today and a blueprint for the future. The report addresses where we are in motorcycling today, looks to where we want to be in the future, and provides insights on how to get there.

Developing this comprehensive, strategic vision for the future was challenging. Over the past 24 months a Technical Working Group of highly respected, knowledgeable individuals collected data, listened to motorcyclists about their experiences, and crafted the *National Agenda for Motorcycle Safety*. The Technical Working Group's efforts provide guiding principles for enhancing motorcycle safety at the national and local levels.

From the beginning, the *National Agenda for Motorcycle Safety* was never intended to be a consensus document. Given the diverse opinions among the many stakeholders, it would be unrealistic to expect everyone to agree with all aspects of the *National Agenda*. While there is agreement on the need to improve motorcycle safety, there is disagreement on the best way to achieve the goal of fewer crashes, injuries, and deaths involving motorcyclists.

The *National Agenda for Motorcycle Safety* holds the promise of a new beginning in motorcycle safety. We must all rededicate ourselves to making motorcycling safer. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration reaffirms its commitment to motorcycle safety and encourages others to make a similar commitment. My challenge to you, the motorcycling and traffic safety communities, is to take action on those parts of the *National Agenda* that you can support so the recommendations become reality and motorcycle safety is enhanced. I believe there is something in the *National Agenda for Motorcycle Safety* for everyone to work toward. The motorcycling and traffic safety communities must give it life.

In closing, I extend my appreciation to the members of the Technical Working Group for the long hours of hard work they devoted to this effort. While some discussions were intense, the results speak for themselves: a blueprint for future motorcycle safety efforts that each member can be proud to have crafted. Finally, I want to acknowledge the contributions of our partner, the Motorcycle Safety Foundation, for its leadership, and the firm of Albert Hydeman Associates for its support, in producing the *National Agenda for Motorcycle Safety*.

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