

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, transportation accounts for about a third of the energy use in Thurston County, and about half of CO2 emissions from fossil fuel; and

WHEREAS, the City has a goal to reduce greenhouse gas emissions; and

WHEREAS, bicycling is one of the cleanest and most energy-efficient forms of transportation; and

WHEREAS, bicycling is a mode of transportation well suited to small cities like Olympia, where many of our trips are short; and

WHEREAS, bicycle commuting can help reduce congestion and offset costly transportation system expansion; and

WHEREAS, bicycle commuting makes people healthier, more productive, and reduces chronic diseases through physical activity, and

WHEREAS, the City of Olympia has an extensive bicycle network which includes a Bike Corridor, 32 miles of bicycle lanes, and 10 miles of the regional trail system within City limits, and

WHEREAS, the City of Olympia continues to expand the bicycle network, and

WHEREAS, Intercity Transit, with many sponsors including the Capital Bicycling Club and 44 local and regional businesses, is hosting the 32nd Annual Bicycle Commuter Challenge during the month of May 2019.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that in recognition of the 49th Earth Day and the 62nd National Bike Month, the Olympia City Council hereby proclaims the month of May 2019 as

“BICYCLE COMMUTER MONTH”

in the City of Olympia and encourages all citizens to ride their bikes to work, school and on their errands during the month of May, and throughout the year.

SIGNED IN THE CITY OF OLYMPIA, WASHINGTON THIS 7th DAY OF May, 2019.
OLYMPIA CITY COUNCIL

Cheryl Selby
Mayor