

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, transportation accounts for half of the energy use in Washington State, and over half of our State's air pollution; 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 32 miles of bicycle lanes and of the 60 mile regional trail system, 10 miles are within the City of Olympia.

WHEREAS, the City of Olympia continues to expand the bicycle network, and has received a "Bicycle Friendly Community Award" from the League of American Bicyclists, and

WHEREAS, Intercity Transit, with co-sponsors the Capital Bicycling Club and many local businesses is hosting the 26th Annual Bicycle Commuter Contest during the month of May 2013.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that in recognition of the 44th Earth Day and the 56th National Bike Month, the Olympia City Council hereby proclaims the month of May, 2013 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 23rd DAY OF APRIL, 2013.

OLYMPIA CITY COUNCIL

**Stephen H. Buxbaum
Mayor**