

**PROCLAMATION**

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

*WHEREAS, bicycling instead of driving can help us reach greenhouse gas emission reduction targets identified in the Thurston Climate Mitigation Plan; and*

*WHEREAS, bicycling can help reduce traffic congestion and air and water pollution; and*

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

*WHEREAS, riding a bicycle can improve physical and mental health; 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 adopted its Transportation Master Plan, which includes projects to expand the bicycle network; and*

*WHEREAS, Intercity Transit, with many sponsors including local businesses and organizations, is hosting the 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Bicycle Community Challenge during the month of May 2022.*

*WHEREAS, the Bicycle Community Challenge will count all bicycling miles this year, including miles for exercise and recreation.*

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that in recognition of the 52<sup>nd</sup> Earth Day and the 65<sup>th</sup> National Bike Month, the Olympia City Council hereby proclaims the month of May 2022 as*

**“OLYMPIA BICYCLE MONTH”**

*in the City of Olympia and encourages all citizens to ride their bikes, whether for transportation or recreation, during the month of May and throughout the year.*

*SIGNED IN THE CITY OF OLYMPIA, WASHINGTON THIS 25<sup>th</sup> DAY OF April, 2022.*

**OLYMPIA CITY COUNCIL**

*Cheryl Selby  
Mayor*