

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, riding a bicycle can improve physical and mental health; and

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

WHEREAS, bicycling can connect many community members to opportunities and resources without needing to own or maintain a car; and

WHEREAS, we can make our transportation system more fair by changing our streets to better serve people who cannot or choose not to drive; and

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

WHEREAS, the City of Olympia has a bicycle network which includes a Bike Corridor, 82 miles of bicycle lanes, and 8 miles of the regional trail system within City limits; and

WHEREAS, the City's Transportation Master Plan includes projects to expand the bicycle network; and

WHEREAS, the City's Street Safety Plan prioritizes the safety of bicyclists, among other vulnerable users of the street; and

WHEREAS, Intercity Transit, with the support of many local businesses and organizations, is hosting the 37th Annual Bicycle Community Challenge during the month of May and Bike to Work Day on May 16, 2024.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that in recognition of the 54th Earth Day and the 67th National Bike Month, the Olympia City Council hereby proclaims the month of May 2024 as

“OLYMPIA BICYCLE MONTH”

in the City of Olympia and encourages all community members to ride their bikes during the month of May and throughout the year.

***SIGNED IN THE CITY OF OLYMPIA, WASHINGTON THIS 16th DAY OF April, 2024.
OLYMPIA CITY COUNCIL***

***Dontae Payne
Mayor***