

## **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 the greenhouse gas emission reduction targets identified in the Thurston Climate Mitigation Plan; and***

***WHEREAS, bicycling instead of driving can also help us reduce traffic congestion and meet the vehicle miles traveled goals in the Thurston Regional Transportation Plan; and***

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

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

***WHEREAS, the City of Olympia has a 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'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 36<sup>th</sup> Annual Bicycle Community Challenge during the month of May 2023.***

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that in recognition of the 53<sup>rd</sup> Earth Day and the 66<sup>th</sup> National Bike Month, the Olympia City Council hereby proclaims the month of May 2023 as***

### ***"OLYMPIA BICYCLE MONTH"***

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

***SIGNED IN THE CITY OF OLYMPIA, WASHINGTON THIS 16<sup>th</sup> DAY OF May, 2023.***  
***OLYMPIA CITY COUNCIL***

***Cheryl Selby***  
***Mayor***