

**PROCLAMATION**

***WHEREAS, Whether you are headed to work, school, the store, or any point in between, public transportation can get you there; and***

***WHEREAS, 2.8 Million workers across the country commute via public transportation; and***

***WHEREAS, Transit trips are ten times safer per mile than passenger vehicle trips and are associated with higher levels of physical activity, resulting in lower health risks and better health outcomes; and***

***WHEREAS, During the COVID-19 pandemic, Washington transit agencies provided more than 100 million passenger trips, including deliveries of groceries and prescriptions to people with disabilities and seniors; and***

***WHEREAS transit agencies in Washington State invest almost \$5 billion in transit capital and operations each year; and***

***WHEREAS the recently passed transformative transportation package, Move Ahead Washington, invests more than \$3 billion in transit programs and projects; and***

***WHEREAS transit in Washington today reduces 371K metric tons of CO2 emission per year. If all people driving alone were to shift to transit, we can save 130K metric tons of CO2 emissions per year—about equal to 28,272 passenger vehicles driven for one year. And for every \$1M invested in Washington State Transit, it equates to 102K metric tons of CO2 reduction, which is equal to the carbon sequestered by 125 thousand acres of U.S. Forests in one year; and***

***NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Olympia City Council does hereby proclaim June as***

***RIDE TRANSIT MONTH***

***and encourage all residents to take the Ride Transit Month pledge to ride transit at least five times in the month of June.***

***SIGNED IN THE CITY OF OLYMPIA, WASHINGTON THIS 7<sup>th</sup> DAY OF JUNE 2022.***

***OLYMPIA CITY COUNCIL***

***Cheryl Selby  
Mayor***