

## **PROCLAMATION**

***WHEREAS, riding a bicycle for exercise is a way for people to stay healthy while social distancing; and***

***WHEREAS, riding a bicycle can reduce stress, anxiety, and chronic diseases through physical activity; and***

***WHEREAS, bicycling is an enjoyable way to explore your neighborhood with members of your household; and***

***WHEREAS, bicycling can be a reliable form of transportation, especially when public transit is limited; and***

***WHEREAS, riding a bicycle is a low-impact exercise that can be tailored to your comfort level; 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 pollution; and***

***WHEREAS, bicycling can help us to meet our greenhouse gas emission reduction goals when used to replace car trips; 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 continues to expand the bicycle network, and***

***WHEREAS, Intercity Transit, with many sponsors including the Capital Bicycling Club and 44 local and regional businesses, is hosting the 33rd Annual Bicycle Commuter Challenge during the month of May 2020; and***

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

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that in recognition of the 50<sup>th</sup> Earth Day and the 63<sup>rd</sup> National Bike Month, the Olympia City Council hereby proclaims the month of May 2020 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 5<sup>th</sup> DAY OF May, 2020.  
OLYMPIA CITY COUNCIL***

***Cheryl Selby  
Mayor***