

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 a bicycle network that 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 first Transportation Master Plan, which includes projects to expand the bicycle network; and

WHEREAS, Intercity Transit, with sponsors including the Capital Bicycling Club and many local and regional businesses, is hosting the 34th Annual Bicycle Commuter Challenge during the month of May 2021.

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that in recognition of the 51st Earth Day and the 64th National Bike Month, the Olympia City Council hereby proclaims the month of May 2021 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 13th DAY OF April, 2021.
OLYMPIA CITY COUNCIL

Cheryl Selby
Mayor