

**PROCLAMATION**

*WHEREAS, riding a bicycle can improve Olympians' mental and physical health and well-being; and*

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

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

*WHEREAS, bicycling instead of driving can help Olympia achieve the Comprehensive Plan's goal of net zero emissions by 2040; and*

*WHEREAS, the City of Olympia has a bicycle network which includes two bike corridors, 82 miles of bicycle lanes, and 8 miles of the regional trail system within the city limits; and*

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

*WHEREAS, the City's Transportation Benefit District sales tax collects approximately \$3.1M annually for bicycle and active transportation projects; 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 39<sup>th</sup> Annual Bicycle Community Challenge during the month of May and Bike to Work Day on May 14, 2026.*

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that in recognition of the 56<sup>th</sup> Earth Day and the 69<sup>th</sup> National Bike Month, the Olympia City Council hereby proclaims the month of May 2026 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 28<sup>th</sup> DAY OF April, 2026.*  
*OLYMPIA CITY COUNCIL*

*Dontae Payne*  
*Mayor*