

RESOLUTION DECLARING THE MONTH OF MAY AS 'BIKE MONTH' IN
GREENSBORO

WHEREAS, National Bike Month provides an opportunity to increase public awareness of the many benefits of bicycling, to promote bicycle safety, and to encourage residents of the City to consider the bicycle as an alternative mode of transport; and

WHEREAS, bicycling provides an economical form of transportation, recreation and physical exercise, and is an important part of the transportation mix in Greensboro and the surrounding areas;

WHEREAS, growing numbers of Greensboro residents are currently bicycling in the community, and bicycling travel demand is expected to continue to grow in the years ahead;

WHEREAS, enhanced public awareness of bicycle safety issues is key to reduction of crashes;

WHEREAS, general promotion of bicycling as an active means of transportation and a healthful recreational activity has been shown to improve citizens' health, well-being, and quality of life;

WHEREAS, to help raise awareness of bicycling as an alternative mode of transportation, May 15-19, 2017 is designated as "Bike to Work Week";

WHEREAS, the City of Greensboro, consistent with the Bicycle, Pedestrian, Trails and Greenways Master Plan, seeks to improve bicycle facilities, encourage bicycling as a healthful and environmentally sound activity and to increase the popularity of bicycling;

WHEREAS, the Greensboro Department of Transportation has a goal to install 75 miles of bicycle lanes in the City of Greensboro by the end of 2022, primarily through resurfacing and delivery of major roadway projects that include bicycle accommodations.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GREENSBORO:

That the month of May 2017 is hereby declared 'Bike Month' and the week of May 15-19, 2017, as Bike to Work Week; and all residents are encouraged to participate in the events planned and all road users are urged to share the road safely with bicyclists.