RESOLUTION SUPPORTING GREENSBORO'S REAPPLICATION TO BE DESIGNATED A BIKE FRIENDLY COMMUNITY BY THE LEAGUE OF AMERICAN BICYCLISTS

WHEREAS, the City of Greensboro has been designated a Bicycle Friendly Community for two four-year terms between from 2009 - 2017 by the League of American Bicyclists, and is now up for re-designation;

WHEREAS, bicycling has become an integral component of the area's transportation system as reflected in the Greensboro Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization's 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan and the Bicycle, Pedestrian, and Greenways Master Plan Update (BiPed Plan), which was adopted by City Council in 2016;

WHEREAS, the City of Greensboro plays a central role in implementing enhanced bicycling facilities as demonstrated by the construction of more than 27.2 bike lane miles, 15.9 edgeline miles, and 37 miles of shared-use paths in the City so far;

WHEREAS, the City of Greensboro's efforts at education, enforcement, and encouragement contributes to the promotion of bicycling in the community;

WHEREAS, the community's interest and involvement in bicycling has continued to grow as reflected by increased bicycling in the community;

WHEREAS, the bicycling advocacy community's efforts have enhanced awareness and enthusiasm for bicycling among area residents and visitors;

WHEREAS, the University of North Carolina at Greensboro's designation as a Bicycle Friendly University further reflects the growing interest, commitment, and actions being taken to improved bicycling;

WHEREAS, the new LimeBike dockless bike share program will further encourage and promote bicycling in the community;

WHEREAS, the City of Greensboro recognizes that improving conditions for bicycling and increasing bicycle usage will support the livability and economic prospects of the community, partly through increasing the attractiveness of the City to tourists, young professionals, cycling enthusiasts, residents and others.

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

That the City Council of Greensboro hereby supports the application of the City of Greensboro to be designated a Bicycle Friendly Community by the League of American Bicyclists.