



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the bicycle is an economical, healthy, convenient, and environmentally sound form of transportation and an excellent tool for recreation and enjoyment of the city of Bismarck's scenic beauty; and

WHEREAS, throughout the month of May, the residents of the city of Bismarck and its visitors will experience the joys of bicycling through a variety of organized activities or events, or by simply getting out and going for a ride; and

WHEREAS, the city of Bismarck's road and trail system attracts bicyclists each year, providing economic health, transportation, tourism, and scenic benefits; and

WHEREAS, creating a bicycling-friendly community has been shown to improve citizens' health, well-being, and quality of life, growing the economy of the city of Bismarck, attracting tourism dollars, improving traffic safety, supporting student learning outcomes, and reducing pollution, congestion, and wear and tear on our streets and roads; and

WHEREAS, the Bicycle and Pedestrian Subcommittee of the Bismarck-Mandan Metropolitan Planning Organization, the League of American Bicyclists, local schools, parks and recreation departments, police department, public health districts, and civic groups will be promoting bicycling during the month of May 2024; and

WHEREAS, these groups are also promoting bicycle tourism year-round to attract more visitors to enjoy our local restaurants, hotels, retail establishments, and cultural and scenic attractions; and

WHEREAS, these groups are also promoting greater public awareness of bicycle operation and safety education in an effort to reduce collisions, injuries, and fatalities and improve health and safety for everyone on the road.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Mike Schmitz, Mayor of the City of Bismarck, on behalf of this Commission, do hereby proclaim May 2024, as **BIKE MONTH** in the City of Bismarck and I urge all citizens to join me in this special observance.

Signed this 14th day of May 2024.

Mike Schmitz, Mayor
Bismarck Board of City Commissioners