

A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING THE MONTH OF JUNE TO BE BIKE MONTH IN THE CITY OF COLORADO SPRINGS

WHEREAS, bicycling is a mode of transportation and recreation, which can offer citizens a viable, efficient and environmentally sound means of travel to work, school, parks and other destinations across our community; and

WHEREAS, the City of Colorado Springs has over 150 miles of off-street bike paths, 140 miles of mountain bike trails, 120 miles of on-street bike lanes, an enclosed velodrome, two BMX parks and cyclist access to the 14,115' summit of Pikes Peak-America's Mountain; and

WHEREAS, the City of Colorado Springs will apply this summer to renew its "Bicycle Friendly Community" designation at the Silver Level, in which the League of American Bicyclists has recognized the City's strong cycling culture and expanding bicycle infrastructure network; and

WHEREAS, the last year has seen bicycling-related developments outside the public sector, including the creation of Bike Colorado Springs, a non-profit bicycling advocacy organization, the implementation of the PopCycle Bridge, return of the Bike to Work Mayor's Ride and the launch of the first-ever Colorado Springs Bike Summit; and

WHEREAS, annually 80,000 cyclists visit and stay overnight in Colorado Springs; the local cycling industry employs more than 370 residents; and, the direct economic impact of cycling in our region is over \$27,850,000 each year; and

WHEREAS, in its first year of active membership in the statewide Healthy Eating and Active Living (HEAL) Cities Campaign, the City of Colorado Springs elevated its designation to "Fit"; and

WHEREAS, creating a bicycle-friendly community enhances the city's ability to recruit and retain a vibrant professional workforce; improves traffic safety, congestion, and citizens' health and well-being, and reduces pollution and congestion; and

WHEREAS, the City, having made significant improvement in closing gaps in the existing cycling network and in installing innovative bicycle facilities where needed, is updating its Bicycle Master Plan to support continued development and improvement of cycling infrastructure to encourage greater bike use across Colorado Springs; and

WHEREAS, June has been declared 'Bike Month' in the State of Colorado and June 22 is Colorado Springs Bike to Work Day; and

WHEREAS, declaring June 'Bike Month in Colorado Springs' will raise awareness of cycling's positive impact on the economy, health, wellness and the creation of viable transportation options in the City, and will celebrate the contributions bicycle-related businesses, non-profit organizations and volunteers make to support cycling in Colorado Springs;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLORADO SPRINGS THAT:

The Colorado Springs City Council hereby designates the month of June 2016 as 'Bike Month in Colorado Springs'

DATED at Colorado Springs, Colorado, this ____ day of _____, 2016

ATTEST:

Council President

Sarah B. Johnson, City Clerk