

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

WHEREAS, bicycling is a viable, efficient and environmentally sound mode of transportation, as well as a popular form of recreation that plays an important part in the lives of many Colorado Springs residents and visitors by providing a means to 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, 110 miles of on-street bike lanes, one soon-to-be enclosed velodrome, two BMX parks and cyclist access to the 14,115' summit of Pikes Peak-America's Mountain; and

WHEREAS, the League of American Cyclists has designated Colorado Springs as a "Bicycle Friendly City" at the Silver Level in recognition of the City's strong cycling culture and expanding bicycle infrastructure network; and

WHEREAS, nation-wide 12 of the 15 fastest growing cities, 7 of the top 10 cities by educational attainment, and 13 of the 15 most popular cities for millennials were recognized as "Bicycle Friendly Cities" by League of American Cyclists ; 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, the City of Colorado Springs joined the Healthy Eating and Active Living (HEAL) Towns and Cities Campaign in 2014 recognizing the importance of supporting opportunities for physical activity; and

WHEREAS, creating bicycle-friendly communities has been shown to improve citizens' health, well-being, and quality of life, to boost community spirit, to improve traffic safety, and to reduce pollution and congestion; and

WHEREAS, the Pikes Peak Area Council of Governments is completing a Regional Non-Motorized Transportation Plan and the City has initiated an update of the Bicycle Master Plan that will support continued development and improvement of cycling infrastructure across Colorado Springs; and

WHEREAS, June has been declared 'Bike Month' in the State of Colorado and June 24 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 2015 as 'Bike Month in Colorado Springs'

DATED at Colorado Springs, Colorado, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2015

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Merv Bennett, Council President

ATTEST:

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Sarah Johnson, City Clerk