



Proclamation

BIKE MONTH, BIKE & ROLL TO SCHOOL DAY, BIKE TO WORK WEEK, AND BIKE TO WORK DAY

WHEREAS, National Bike Month is a reminder that biking can be added to many people's transportation routines, especially considering that 28% of all trips are a mile or shorter and 40% of all trips are two miles or shorter, according to the National Household Travel Survey; and

WHEREAS, transportation is now the leading source of greenhouse gas emissions in North Carolina, and biking is an easy way for people to reduce their carbon footprint and advance the Town's climate action goals by avoiding the use of single-occupancy vehicles and reducing reliance on nonrenewable resources for transportation; and

WHEREAS, high-quality bicycle facilities, together with pedestrian infrastructure and public transit, can help communities achieve equity goals by expanding the availability of transportation alternatives that are less costly and more accessible for more people; and

WHEREAS, National Bike Month is also an opportunity to experience the joys and health benefits of biking, to get outside during the spring season, and to see and experience the community at a different scale and pace; and

WHEREAS, in 2010, Carrboro became the first community in North Carolina to be designated a Silver Level Bicycle Friendly Community by the League of American Bicyclists; and numerous Town plans include policies that support biking, such as the Carrboro Connects Comprehensive Plan, the Updated Bike Plan, and the Safe Routes to School Strategic Action Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Town will promote biking at several upcoming events: the Ride With the Mayor and the Carrboro Bike Breakfast on May 9th, the Bike to the Carrboro Farmers' Market on May 17th, the Carrboro Bike on Bus Workshop and the Carrboro Ride for the Ages on May 20th, and other events organized with local partners, including the Carrboro Bicycle Coalition, the Bicycle Alliance of Chapel Hill, and the Town of Chapel Hill; and

WHEREAS, more work is needed at local and regional levels to ensure that more residents are able to participate in planning for infrastructure improvements and have equitable access to bicycle infrastructure so that biking, and biking in combination with transit, are reliable options for commuting and for meeting everyday needs;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Damon Seils, mayor of the Town of Carrboro, North Carolina, do hereby proclaim May 2023 to be Bike Month; Wednesday, May 3rd, to be Bike & Roll to School Day; May 15th through May 21st to be Bike to Work Week; and Friday, May 19th, to be Bike to Work Day in Carrboro. I encourage residents to add biking to their transportation routines; to become advocates for biking, bicycle infrastructure, and bicycle-friendly laws and policies; and to take delight in every ride.

This the 25th day of April 2023.


Damon Seils, Mayor

