

# 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 non-renewable 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 Carrboro Bike on Bus Workshop on May 11th, the Carrboro Bike Breakfast on May 14th, the Bike to the Carrboro Farmers' Market on May 15th, the Bike to Work Day with Mayor Foushee on May 17th, 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, WE, the Town Council of the Town of Carrboro, North Carolina, do hereby proclaim May 2024 to be Bike Month; Wednesday, May 8th, to be Bike & Roll to School Day; May 13th through May 19th to be Bike to Work Week; and Friday, May 17th, to be Bike to Work Day in Carrboro. We 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 7th day of May 2024.

  
Barbara M. Foushee

