

# Proclamation

## BIKE MONTH, BIKE 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 reducing miles driven by single-occupancy vehicles and relying less on non-renewable resources for transportation; and

**WHEREAS**, high-quality bicycle infrastructure can help communities achieve equity goals by expanding the availability of transportation alternatives that are less expensive 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: Carrboro Bike to School Day on May 7<sup>th</sup>, the Carrboro Bike Breakfast on May 13<sup>th</sup>, the Carrboro Bike on Bus Workshop on May 17<sup>th</sup>, and several other events organized with local partners including Shift Chapel Hill-Carrboro 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, both on its own or in combination with transit, are reliable options for commuting and for meeting everyday needs;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Barbara M. Foushee, Mayor of the Town of Carrboro, North Carolina, do hereby proclaim May 2025 to be Bike Month in the Town of Carrboro. Furthermore, I hereby proclaim Wednesday, May 7<sup>th</sup>, to be Bike to School Day; May 12<sup>th</sup> through May 18<sup>th</sup> to be Bike to Work Week; and Friday, May 16<sup>th</sup>, to be Bike to Work Day in Carrboro. We encourage residents to add biking to their transportation habits; to become advocates for biking, bicycle infrastructure, and bicycle-friendly laws and policies; and to take delight in every ride.

This is the 6<sup>th</sup> day of May.

  
Barbara M. Foushee

