



Proclamation



**A PROCLAMATION DESIGNATING MAY 2021 AS BIKE MONTH,
MAY 5 AS BIKE TO SCHOOL DAY, MAY 17 TO MAY 23 AS BIKE TO WORK WEEK, AND MAY 18 AS
BIKE TO WORK DAY IN THE TOWN OF CARRBORO**

WHEREAS, biking is fun; and

WHEREAS, biking is a great way to encourage children and all persons to develop an active lifestyle; and the Carrboro Bicycle Plan, updated in 2020, recommends events and activities to encourage cycling as transportation; and

WHEREAS, Policies 3.25 and 4.31 of the *Carrboro Vision 2020 Plan* set a goal of increasing the safety and comfort of pedestrians, and encourage the Town to implement its bicycle and pedestrian network plan, respectively; and

WHEREAS, the National Safe Routes to School Partnership indicates that schools which are designed so that children can walk and bike to school have measurably better air quality and that biking to school can improve students' attentiveness in class; and

WHEREAS, the Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools Board of Education endorsed the 2012 Carrboro Safe Routes to School Action Plan, which recommends establishing a regular Walk and Bike to School Day; and

WHEREAS, the Town is looking forward to reviewing applicants for the new restructured Safe Routes to School Implementation Committee; and

WHEREAS, using a bike for a school, work, or shopping trips can reduce a family's greenhouse gas emissions footprint and support implementation of the Town's Community Climate Action Plan; and

WHEREAS, analysis from the Institute of Transportation Research and Education has shown that as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, bike commuting trips and volumes measured in downtown areas have decreased while recreational trips via bike and volumes measured along shared use paths have increased (compared to pre-2020 numbers); and

WHEREAS, the Town will promote bicycling this month with COVID-19 modified events, including weekly Cycling Focus Fridays webinars (May 7, 14, 21 & 28); a "Bike-thru" Bicycle Break from 4-6 PM on May 18 (during Bike to Work Week); and other events with partners, including the Town of Chapel Hill, the Carrboro Bicycle Coalition, Orange County Commuter Options, and UNC Transportation and Parking.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Lydia Lavelle, Mayor of the Town of Carrboro, North Carolina, do hereby proclaim May as **BIKE MONTH**; May 5 as **BIKE TO SCHOOL DAY**; May 17 through 23 as **BIKE TO WORK WEEK**; and May 18 as **BIKE TO WORK DAY** in the Town of Carrboro. Further, I urge all Carrboro residents to have fun this month by riding a bike.

This is the 4th day of May, 2021.



Lydia E. Lavelle, Mayor