



PROCLAMATION

NATIONAL BIKE MONTH – MAY 2016

WHEREAS, bicycle commuting is an effective means to improve air quality, reduce traffic congestion and noise, increase physical activity, and conserve energy; and

WHEREAS, May 16-20, 2016 has been designated "Bike to Work Week" where bicycle commuting benefits both employees and employers through better employee health and fitness; reduced commuting, parking, and health care costs; lower employee absenteeism and turnover; and increased employee productivity; and

WHEREAS, bicycle commuting to school benefits children and families by promoting physical activity, reducing car-related pollution and traffic hazards, and contributing to a cleaner, safer and healthier community; and

WHEREAS, bus transit, carpooling, vanpooling, and bicycle lanes and paths are concepts which should be embraced if we are to continue to enjoy the amenities that make Fort Bragg an attractive place in which to live and earn a livelihood; and

WHEREAS, touring cyclists pass through the City of Fort Bragg in ever-increasing numbers, including the winter season, thereby improving the local economy; and

WHEREAS, the coast is a popular destination for road and mountain bikers, many of whom eat at Fort Bragg's local dining establishments, drink local craft beer made in Fort Bragg and lodge in the City; and

WHEREAS, the coast now supports its own composite high school mountain bike team in its second year, Mendocino Coast Racing, which has doubled in size from three in 2015 to six, who race all over Northern California who are represented here tonight and volunteer to support our local bike club activities and who maintain our local trails when they're not racing on the road; and

WHEREAS, the City of Fort Bragg has taken an active role in improving bicycle transportation routes and bicycle parking facilities, increasing bicycle safety, and educating the community about benefits of bicycle transportation through its Safe Routes to School, City of Trails, and other grant programs; and

WHEREAS, Fort Bragg has a growing population of cyclists, including Mendocino Coast Cyclists and the SOB's (Seniors on Bikes) who are represented here tonight and are actively involved in shaping city, county, regional, and national transportation and community policies; and

WHEREAS, the month of May is "National Bike Month" which promotes the bicycle as a means of transportation and recreation and May is also "Clean Air Month" which promotes air quality.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, DAVE TURNER, Mayor of the City of Fort Bragg, do hereby proclaim May 2016 as NATIONAL BIKE MONTH throughout the City of Fort Bragg; and I urge all citizens to support and participate in biking and other activities that contribute to the health of the community and the environment.

SIGNED this 9th day of May, 2016.

DAVE TURNER, Mayor

ATTEST:

June Lemos
City Clerk

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