



Legislation Text

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Proclamation recognizing May as National Bike Month in Farmers Branch

BACKGROUND:

Since 2015 the Mayor and Council have officially proclaimed May as National Bike Month. Established in 1956 and sponsored by the League of American Bicyclists National Bike Month serves as the catalyst for communities across America to showcase the benefits of bicycling and encourage more people to try biking.

Biking is a healthy, low-impact exercise that can be enjoyed by people of all ages. Whether biking to work, school or just for fun it is one of the most time-efficient ways to combine regular exercise with your everyday routine. Through education and promotion staff focuses on making our community better for the bicyclist and the motorist. To support the nationwide celebration staff will continue to provide educational materials and to schedule organized events.

An estimated one billion people ride bicycles every day - for transport, recreation and sport. Statics show that 40% of all trips in the United States are less than two miles, making bicycling a feasible and fun means of active transportation for many trips. Nationwide from 2000 to 2017 bicycle commuting experienced a 43% growth increase, demonstrating that many Americans are choosing cycling as a means of transportation. Bike to Work Day is Friday, May 15th. The event is part of the annual celebration of active transportation and is a great opportunity for people to park the car and bike to work.

ATTACHMENT:

1. Proclamation