PROCLAMATION
Recognition of May 2024 as Bike Month in the City of Ann Arbor

WHEREAS, May has been recognized as National Bike Month since 1956, sponsored by the League of American Bicyclists. National Bike Month includes National Bike to Work Week from May 13 – 19, 2024; and Ann Arbor's Bike to Wherever Day will be on May 15, 2024.

WHEREAS, The City of Ann Arbor's network of trails and greenways offers access to picturesque scenery along the Huron River, improves traffic safety, and reduces pollution and traffic congestion, resulting in health and economic benefits for individuals, small businesses, and the community at-large.

WHEREAS, The City of Ann Arbor is a national leader in green trips. Over one-third of trips within the city are made by walking, biking, or transit. In line with Ann Arbor's Moving Together Towards Vision Zero Transportation Plan, prioritizing the reduction of vehicle trips is a critical step towards achieving carbon neutrality.

WHEREAS, The City of Ann Arbor has been named a Gold-level Bicycle Friendly Community and Ann Arbor's City Hall has been given a Silver Designation as a Bike Friendly Business by the League of American Bicyclists.

WHEREAS, In recognition of cycling as a low-carbon, affordable form of transportation, building out an all-ages-and-abilities network will add comfort and safety, aid in meeting the net zero carbon emissions goals adopted in the City of Ann Arbor's A²ZERO Plan, and build a more equitable, people-friendly community.

WHEREAS, It is required in the City of Ann Arbor for motorists to respect people riding bicycles and share the road by giving cyclists five feet of space when passing, promoting the safety of everyone who uses these. 

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Christopher Taylor, Mayor of Ann Arbor, Michigan, am pleased to celebrate May as Bike Month for the Ann Arbor community. We encourage all community members to join us in this special observance and celebration.

I hereby set my hand and seal
This 1st day of May 2024

Christopher Taylor
Mayor of the City of Ann Arbor