

## NEW HANOVER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

### BICYCLE AWARENESS MONTH PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, the New Hanover County Board of Commissioners is committed to promoting safe and convenient bicycling for both transportation and recreation; and

**WHEREAS**, New Hanover County continues to invest in bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure to improve connectivity and accessibility through projects such as the Middle Sound Loop, Market Street Connector, the North College Road Multi-Use Path, and the South College Road Multi-Use Path, among other ongoing initiatives; and

**WHEREAS**, education about bicycles, traffic rules, safety, and maintenance encourages cyclists and motorists to operate their vehicles safely on all shared-access facilities through efforts such as the *See, Share, and Be Aware* safety campaign; and

**WHEREAS**, the New Hanover County Board of Commissioners is committed to alleviating traffic congestion and ensuring a clean and healthy environment for its citizens by promoting alternative transportation options, including bicycling; and

**WHEREAS**, these efforts align with the New Hanover County Strategic Plan, which prioritizes environmental stewardship, resilient infrastructure, and a community that fosters health and safety; and

**WHEREAS**, New Hanover County is committed to:

1. **Bicycle paths and trails:** Paved and unpaved routes that accommodate cyclists of all skill levels, providing safe and comfortable travel options; and
2. **Safety-conscious bicyclists:** Educated and responsible riders of all ages who understand and obey traffic regulations; and
3. **Safety-conscious motorists:** Drivers who remain alert to cyclists and safely share the road; and
4. **Well-planned communities:** Neighborhoods that integrate bicycle-friendly infrastructure, promote connectivity between homes, schools, businesses, parks, and other destinations, and implement traffic regulations that support safe cycling.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED** by the New Hanover County Board of Commissioners that the month of May 2025 be recognized as **"Bicycle Awareness Month"** in New Hanover County, reaffirming our commitment to fostering a bike-friendly community and expanding safe cycling opportunities for all residents throughout the year.

**ADOPTED** this 5<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2025.



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*William E. Rivenbark*  
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William E. Rivenbark, Chair

ATTEST:

*Kymberleigh G. Crowell*  
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Kymberleigh G. Crowell, Clerk to the Board