

PROCLAMATION

Naming May 2025 as Bike Month

WHEREAS, the month of May is observed as National Bike Month as promoted by the League of American Bicyclists; and

WHEREAS, the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization is committed to the promotion of safe and convenient bicycling for both transportation and recreation; and

WHEREAS, on average, 57 crashes involving bicyclists occur annually in the Wilmington region which underscores the importance of ensuring driver awareness and bicyclist safety education in addition to safe facilities for bicycling to prevent crashes; and

WHEREAS, the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization is committed to promoting the safe use of bicycles on streets and trails throughout the region, through its long-range planning efforts, and support for local projects like the Wilmington Downtown Trail, the Gullah Geechee Heritage Trail, the Pleasure Island Greenway, and many others; and

WHEREAS, the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization has promoted bicycle safety, awareness, and education through the Be A Looker campaign which encourages children and adults to operate their bicycles in a safe manner and educates drivers on how to share the road with bicyclists; and

WHEREAS, the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization, through the Go Coast program, is committed to alleviating traffic congestion by supporting choices in transportation infrastructure and ensuring a clean and healthy environment.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization proclaims May as Bike Month and will continue to promote safe cycling opportunities for citizens of the Wilmington urban area.



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