

PROCLAMATION

Naming May 2026 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 through the operation of its Active Transportation Advisory Committee and Go Coast Committee; and

WHEREAS, between 2015 and 2024, an average of 64 crashes involving bicyclists occurred 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 including developing a Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Safety Action Plan, developing the Cape Fear Trails etiquette campaign, and supporting local bicycle and pedestrian planning initiatives and project implementation; 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 (WMPO) and Go Coast, the WMPO's Transportation Demand Management program, are committed to reducing traffic congestion and enhancing quality of life by expanding transportation options, supporting multimodal infrastructure investments, and promoting 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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