



City of Wilmington
NORTH CAROLINA

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the month of May is observed as National Bike Month, and Wilmington City Council is committed to the promotion of safe bicycling for both transportation and recreation; and

WHEREAS, in 2024, 55 crashes involving bicyclists occurred in Wilmington 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 City of Wilmington is committed to promoting the safe use of bicycles on the City's streets and trails through bicycle facilities such as the Gary Shell Cross-City Trail, the River to the Sea Bikeway, the South College Road Trail, bike lanes, intersection improvements, and the bicycle facilities included in the City's adopted plans and capital improvement program; and

WHEREAS, the City of Wilmington supports education about bicycle safety through the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization's (WMPO) 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 City of Wilmington supports the annual River to Sea Bike Ride, which begins and ends in downtown Wilmington and takes place in 2026 on Saturday, May 2; and

WHEREAS, the City of Wilmington has been designated as a "Bicycle Friendly Community" by the League of American Bicyclists since 2011 with the most recent recognition occurring in 2024 as the City continues to make improvements to benefit the bicycling community.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Wilmington City Council proclaims May as Bicycle Awareness Month and will continue to promote safe cycling opportunities for Wilmington's citizens.

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