

# PROCLAMATION

Office of the Mayor, City of Florence



## 2024 Bike Month

**WHEREAS**, throughout the month of May, the City of Florence will celebrate biking and the freedom, the joy, and the well-being it imbues within us, as well as the power that more people riding bikes has in making life better for everyone; and

**WHEREAS**, Sunday May 5<sup>th</sup> is "Ride a Bike Day," May 13<sup>th</sup> -19<sup>th</sup> is "Bike to Work Week" and Friday May 17<sup>th</sup> is "Bike to Work Day"; and

**WHEREAS**, throughout the month of May, the residents of the City of Florence and its visitors will experience the joys of bicycling through group rides, races, commuting events, educational programs, charity events, and/or by simply getting out and going somewhere by bike; and

**WHEREAS**, bicycling has been shown to improve citizens' health, well-being, and quality of life, growing the economy of the City of Florence, attracting tourism dollars and local business spending and reducing pollution, congestion and parking costs on our streets and roads; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Florence, the Lane Council of Governments, schools, public health districts, hospitals, businesses and civic groups will be joining the League of American Bicyclists in promoting bicycling during the month of May; and

**WHEREAS**, these groups are also promoting the use of the bicycle as both a means of transportation and recreation year-round to attract more visitors to enjoy our local parks and trail systems, as well as restaurants, hotels, retail establishments, and cultural and scenic attractions; and

**WHEREAS**, these groups are also promoting greater public awareness of bicycle operation and safety education during Bike Month and year-round in an effort to reduce collisions, injuries and fatalities and improve health and safety for everyone on the road; and

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that I, Rob Ward, Mayor of the City of Florence do hereby proclaim May as Bike Month in the City of Florence, and I urge all residents to join me in this special observance.



  
Rob Ward, Mayor