

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
City of Eugene, Oregon

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS: The bicycle is an economical, healthy, convenient, and environmentally sound form of transportation and an excellent tool for recreation and enjoyment of Eugene's scenic beauty; and

WHEREAS: Throughout the month of May, the residents of Eugene and its visitors will experience the joys of bicycling through educational programs, races, commuting events, charity events, or by simply getting out and going for a ride; and

WHEREAS: Eugene's public bike share program, PeaceHealth Rides, is a highly utilized mode of public transportation which, in 2023 alone, provided over 150,000 unique trips, covering nearly 206,000 miles -- the equivalent of 9 trips around the equator; and

WHEREAS: The City of Eugene has 64 miles of shared-use paths, 182 miles of on-street bicycle lanes, 8.3 miles of protected bike lanes, 70 miles of signed bikeways/neighborhood greenways, 5 bicycle-pedestrian bridges over the Willamette River, 3 bicycle-pedestrian bridges over major roads/highways, 12 bicycle-pedestrian bridges over Amazon Creek; and

WHEREAS: Creating a bicycling-friendly community improves citizens' health, well-being, and quality of life, grows the economy of Eugene, attracts tourism dollars, improves traffic safety, supports student learning outcomes, and reduces pollution, congestion, and wear and tear on our streets and roads; and

WHEREAS: The League of American Bicyclists, WeBikeLane.org, Safe Routes to School, parks and recreation departments, police departments, public health districts, hospitals, companies and civic groups will be promoting bicycling during the month of May 2024; and

WHEREAS: These groups are also promoting greater public awareness of bicycle safety to reach our Vision Zero goals and to reduce collisions, injuries, and fatalities and improve the health and safety for everyone on the road.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Lucy Vinis, Mayor of the City of Eugene, Oregon, do hereby proclaim
May 2024 as

“Bike Month”

in the City of Eugene, and I urge all residents to join me in this special observance.



Lucy Vinis

Mayor Lucy Vinis

City of Eugene

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