

City of Petaluma

Proclamation

BIKE MONTH (MAY)

WHEREAS, the bicycle is a healthy, convenient, financially and environmentally sound form of transportation and an excellent tool for recreation and enjoyment of Petaluma's scenic beauty, local attractions, and friendly neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, creating a bicycling-friendly community has been shown to improve residents health, well-being, and quality of life, growing the economy of Petaluma, attracting tourism dollars and local business spending and reducing pollution, congestion, and wear and tear on our streets and roads; and

WHEREAS, the transportation sector is responsible for roughly 60% of our City's activity-based greenhouse gas emissions and Petaluma is committed to carbon neutrality by 2030; and

WHEREAS, the Sonoma County Bicycle Coalition, the League of American Bicyclists, the Metropolitan Transportation Commission, and jurisdictions throughout the Bay Area will be promoting bicycling during the month of May 2023; and

WHEREAS, throughout the month of May, the residents of Petaluma and its visitors can experience the joys of bicycling through free educational programs, team bike challenges, and virtual events, organized by these groups; and

WHEREAS, these groups are also promoting greater public awareness of bicycle operation and safety education in an effort to reduce collisions, injuries, and fatalities and improve health and safety for everyone on the road.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Kevin McDonnell, Mayor of Petaluma, along with members of the Petaluma City Council, do hereby proclaim May 2023 as Bike Month, and I urge all residents stop by the City's energizer station on Bike to Wherever Day, May 18, 2023, from 7:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. on the Lynch Creek Trail at the Petaluma Community Center.

Kevin McDonnell, Mayor

Kendall Sawyer, City Clerk