

A PROCLAMATION OF THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA, PROCLAIMING THE MONTH OF MAY, 2017, AS BIKE MONTH AND FRIDAY, MAY 19, 2017, AS BIKE-TO-WORK DAY IN THE CITY OF NORMAN.

- § 1. WHEREAS, for more than a century, the bicycle has been an important part of the lives of most Americans; and
- § 2. WHEREAS, today, millions of Americans engage in bicycling because it is a viable and environmentally friendly form of transportation, an excellent form of fitness, provides quality recreation, and helps relieve the fiscal strain of high gas prices; and
- § 3. WHEREAS, the education of cyclists and motorists as to the proper and safe operation of bicycles is important to ensure the safety and comfort of all users; and
- § 4. WHEREAS, the City of Norman continues to update its bicycle plan and bicycle transportation network including the addition of safe bike transportation accommodations on the new Lindsey Street bridge over I-35 now under construction and the addition of bicycle lanes and multi-modal off-street bike paths in the design of most of the upcoming major arterial street construction projects; and
- § 5. WHEREAS, the City of Norman has been designated by the League of American Bicyclists as an official **"Bicycle Friendly Community"**; and
- § 6. WHEREAS, the Norman Bicycle Advisory Committee, the Bicycle League of Norman, the Oklahoma Bicycle Society, and independent cyclists throughout our state are promoting greater public awareness of bicycle operation and safety education in an effort to reduce accidents, injuries and fatalities for all.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA:

- § 7. Do hereby proclaim the month of May, 2017, as Bike Month, and also proclaim Friday, May 19, 2017, as Bike-To-Work Day in the City of Norman and encourage all citizens to recognize the importance of bicycle safety, be more aware of cyclists on our streets and highways, and invite all to ride their bicycles to Andrews Park on May 19th as they bike to work for an 8:30 a.m. rally as a show of support for bicycle use for all those reasons named herein.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 9th day of May, 2017.

ATTEST:

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Mayor

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City Clerk

