BIKE MONTH PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, National Bike Month began in May 1956; and

WHEREAS, bicycling has been an affordable, environmentally-sound mode of transportation, excellent form of exercise, and fun recreation since the first pedal-propelled bicycle appeared in the 1860s; and

WHEREAS, local government is committed to educating motorists and cyclists about safe vehicle operation to reduce accidents, injuries and fatalities; and

WHEREAS, bicycling contributes to retail sales, tourism dollars, and planning, infrastructure, and policies that support community livability; and

WHEREAS, bicycling reduces heart disease, obesity, diabetes, and hypertension, and improves mental health and cardio-vascular fitness; and

WHEREAS, Moscow supports the objectives of Let’s Move!, Safe Routes to School, Complete Streets, Fill the Racks, the Officer Newbill Safety Fair, and more; and

WHEREAS, our region is gaining favorable recognition for bicycle-friendly accommodations, including Moscow’s Intermodal Transit Center, more convenient and functional bike racks, and a growing network of bicycle-pedestrian trails; and

WHEREAS, Bike to Work Day in Moscow is Friday, May 17, 2019.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Lambert, Mayor for the City of Moscow, do hereby proclaim May 2018 to be

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in Moscow, and I urge everyone who can to cycle to work, school, shopping, and errands, or simply for pleasure, to improve health and find refreshment and invigoration; to lessen adverse impacts on climate; and to reduce transportation costs.

DATED this 6th day of May, 2019

Bill Lambert, Mayor