

Bike Month Proclamation

- WHEREAS,** Bicycling has been an affordable, environmentally-sound mode of transportation, and an excellent tool for recreation and enjoyment of Moscow's scenic beauty; and
- WHEREAS,** Seven percent of Moscow residents choose bicycles for their longest commutes, and many more adults here use bicycles for at least part of their commuting; 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 Kids' Safety Fair, and more; and
- WHEREAS,** Moscow's Bike for Life Committee, with representatives from healthcare, government, education, families, businesses, and environmental interests, has coordinated a variety of very cool cycling activities around Moscow this spring, and listed them on the Bike for Life website; 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, including the new Moscow Greenway; and
- WHEREAS,** National Bike Month began in May 1956;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Lambert, Mayor for the city of Moscow, do hereby proclaim May 2016 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 2nd day of May, 2016

Bill Lambert

Bill Lambert, Mayor