

# 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 11, 2018.

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

## *Bike Month*

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 16<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2018

*Bill Lambert*

Bill Lambert, Mayor