



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, bicycling is a convenient, affordable, and sustainable form of transportation; and

WHEREAS, Redmond is the Bicycle Capital of the Northwest and a League of American Bicyclists Silver Level Bicycle Friendly Community; and

WHEREAS, bicycling is an integral part of Redmond's Transportation Master Plan, which calls for the City to improve travel choices and mobility; and

WHEREAS, bicycling is a healthy way to travel and maintain social distance while enjoying Redmond's scenic beauty and accessing local destinations, workplaces, and neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, Redmond's road and trail system is used by essential workers who ride a bicycle to their jobs at local hospitals, grocery stores, pharmacies, and other essential businesses, supporting Redmond's COVID-19 response and recovery; and

WHEREAS, Washington Governor Jay Inslee classified bicycle shops as essential businesses, including those in Redmond that continue to serve the local community; and

WHEREAS, creating a bicycle-friendly community has been shown to improve quality of life, while growing the economy, attracting tourism, improving traffic safety, supporting student health and learning, and reducing pollution, congestion, and wear-and-tear on streets; and

WHEREAS, Go Redmond, the Greater Redmond Transportation Management Association, Cascade Bicycle Club, the League of American Bicyclists, schools, parks and recreation departments, police departments, public health districts, health care providers, businesses, and civic groups will be promoting bicycling during the month of May 2021; and

WHEREAS, these organizations are raising awareness of safe, smart bicycling practices, such as wearing a mask and keeping a safe distance from others while bicycling, which will help to reduce collisions, injuries, and fatalities, and minimize strain on the healthcare system;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ANGELA BIRNEY, Mayor of the City of Redmond, Washington, do hereby proclaim May 2021 as

BIKE MONTH

in Redmond, and I encourage all residents to join me in this special observance.



Angela Birney, Mayor

May 1, 2021

Date