

WHEREAS, the month of May is National Bike Month; for more than a century, the bicycle has been a practical, economical, environmentally sound, and effective means of personal transportation, recreation, and fitness; and

WHEREAS, established in 1956, National Bike Month is a chance to showcase the many benefits of bicycling and encourage more people to give biking a try; and

WHEREAS, creating bicycle-friendly communities has been shown to improve citizens' health, well-being, quality of life, and boost community spirit, improve air quality, reduce traffic congestion and noise, and wear and tear on our streets and roads; and

WHEREAS, the education of bicyclists and motorists as to the proper and safe operation of bicycles and motor vehicles is important to ensure the safety and comfort of all road users; and

WHEREAS, the City of Costa Mesa has worked diligently to promote bicycle usage with community outreach educational programs, implementation of bicycle facilities, expansion of bicycle parking, and opportunities to engage residents in the activity of bicycling; and

WHEREAS, the City has committed to accomplishing key active transportation goals by installing nearly nine miles of bicycle facilities over the past year, which includes 47,000 linear feet of upgrades and 165 K71 posts to enhance roadway safety for all users; and

WHEREAS, Bike to Work Week will take place May 16-22 and Bike to Work Day is on Friday, May 20, 2022.

WHEREAS, Bike to School Day will take place on May 4 and May 11, 2022.

WHEREAS, whether a person is riding a bike for fun, fitness, with family, or taking an essential trip to work or shop, they are part of the movement for safer streets, connected communities, a healthier planet, happier people.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, John Stephens, Mayor of the City of Costa Mesa, do hereby proclaim the month of May 2022 as **National Bike Month** in the City of Costa Mesa and urge all to recognize the importance of encouraging and supporting the use of bicycles in Costa Mesa.

DATED this 19th day of April 2022.

John B. Stephens, Mayor of the City of Costa Mesa