

## PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS,** thousands of Fort Collins residents will experience the joys of bicycling during the month of June through educational programs, commuting events, races, groups rides, or just getting out and going for a ride; and

**WHEREAS**, Fort Collins encourages the increased use of the bicycle, benefiting all citizens by fostering physical and mental health, improving air quality, reducing traffic congestion and noise, decreasing the use of and dependence upon finite energy sources; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Fort Collins recognizes the use of bicycles as a viable mode of transportation, endeavors to promote safe and responsible bicycling and is committed to incorporating the development of bicycle facilities; and

**WHEREAS,** our City maintains over 280 miles of bikeway networks which attract thousands of bicyclists each year; and

**WHEREAS**, Fort Collins is nationally recognized as one of only five Platinum Level Bicycle Friendly Communities, as designated by the League of American Bicyclists; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Fort Collins adopted the Active Modes Plan in 2022 which set the goals to achieve a 50 percent active mode share for all trips and eliminate all active modes traffic fatalities and serious injuries by 2032 in support of the City's larger vision zero goal to support eliminating all traffic fatalities and serious injuries; and

**WHEREAS**, FC Moves, the Bicycle Ambassador Program, Safe Routes to School, and other local businesses and organizations will be promoting bicycling as a viable means of transportation during the month of June 2024.

**NOW**, **THEREFORE**, I, Jeni Arndt, Mayor of the City of Fort Collins, do hereby proclaim the month of June 2024, as

## **BIKE MONTH**

in Fort Collins and I encourage citizens to try bicycling as a sensible mode of transportation or recreation and to participate in the many events planned for the summer months, particularly, the 36th annual Bike to Work (or Wherever) Day on Wednesday, June 26th.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and the seal of the City of Fort Collins this 21st day of May, 2024.

Mayor

ATTEST:

Interim City Clerk