

**PROCLAMATION**  
**Month of May as "Grand Valley Bike Month" and**  
**Wednesday, May 4, 2022 as "Bike to Work Day"**

- WHEREAS,** Colorado is a premiere bicycling state and the City of Fruita offers some of the best bicycling opportunities in the country; and
- WHEREAS,** Mesa County has designated May as Bike Month to celebrate bicycling for transportation, fun and health; and
- WHEREAS,** Bicycling truly adds to Fruita's small town atmosphere by enjoying the experience of fun and freedom of safely riding a bike to work, school, on errands and for recreation; and
- WHEREAS,** the City of Fruita has gained a world-wide reputation as a mecca for mountain biking and outstanding road riding; and
- WHEREAS,** the City of Fruita proudly aspires to hold the title of "Trails Capital of the World" for its celebrated mountain biking trails on 18 Road, the Kokopelli Area, and the expansion of the Colorado Riverfront Trail; and
- WHEREAS,** bicycling activities and attractions have a positive impact on the City of Fruita's economy and tourism industry and stimulates economic development by making the area attractive to businesses and citizens who enjoy the outdoors and healthy lifestyles; and
- WHEREAS,** creating bicycle-friendly communities has been shown to improve citizens' health, well-being, and quality of life, to boost community spirit, to improve traffic safety, and to reduce pollution and congestion; and
- WHEREAS,** the City of Fruita will be promoting the following bicycling activities in May:

- Wednesday, May 4    Kick off Bike to Work Day with a free breakfast in Fruita, followed with a bike ride along the new wayfinding routes. Breakfast is provided by Family Health West from 7:00 am – 8:00 am at the Fruita Civic Center. Enjoy a group ride after the breakfast led by Fruita City staff and the Mayor, pick from three different routes; meet by the stage.
- Thursday, May 5    Fruita Middle School is hosting an after school ride; open to students, siblings, parents and the community.
- Monday, May 9    Grab lights, bright colors, and funky costumes. Meet at Fruita Civic Center for bike decorating at 7:00 pm, then get ready to light up the streets at 8:00 pm with a fun, community minded, light up ride.

**NOW, THEREFORE, WE,** the Fruita City Council hereby proclaim the month of May, 2022 as "**GRAND VALLEY BIKE MONTH**" and Wednesday, May 4, 2022 as "**BIKE TO WORK DAY**" in the City of Fruita and call upon all citizens to participate in bicycling activities for improved health and community wellbeing.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF,** I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official Seal of the City of Fruita this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of May 2022.

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Joel Kincaid, Mayor

