

PROCLAMATION

**Month of May 2023 as "Grand Valley Bike Month" and
Wednesday, May 3, 2023 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 3 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 Einstein Bagels and Coffee from Bestslope from 7:00 – 8:00 am at the Fruita Civic Center. Enjoy a group ride after breakfast led by Fruita City staff and the Mayor, pick from three different routes, meet by the stage.

Friday, May 19 Mesa County Library Fruita Branch Pedal Party 3:00 – 5:00 pm at the Fruita Community Center backyard. Ride into reading! Celebrate with us as we get ready for summer reading in a bicycle-themed family friendly pedal party. There will be fun, games, and other activities for families with children of all ages!

Sunday, May 21 Yoga for Bikes 9:00 – 11:00 am on Fruita Civic Center lawn. Enjoy a morning yoga session on the lawn and raise funds for Grand Valley Youth Cycling (GVYC). Part of the proceeds raised will help to provide positive youth development from the seat of a mountain bike. GVYC utilizes funds to help provide scholarships to participants and provide training for volunteer coaches. Tickets: \$15 available online at www.anywhereyogi.com.

NOW, THEREFORE, WE, the Fruita City Council hereby proclaim the month of May, 2023 as "**GRAND VALLEY BIKE MONTH**" and Wednesday, May 3, 2023 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 2nd day of May 2023.

Joel Kincaid, Mayor

