

PROCLAMATION

***Month of May as “Grand Valley Bike Month” and
Wednesday, May 1, 2024 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 outstanding mountain biking, gravel riding and 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 1 Kick off “Bike to Work Day” with a free breakfast in Fruita, followed with a bike ride along the wayfinding routes. Breakfast is provided by Einstein Bagels and Coffee from Bestslope from 7:00 am – 9:00 am at the Fruita Civic Center. Enjoy a group ride after breakfast with Fruita City staff.

Monday, May 6 & 8 6:00 to 8:00 pm Tina Ooley with Every Pedal Mountain Bike will lead a family friendly bike ride through the community. Meet at the Fruita Community Center! Mesa County Library Fruita Branch will host family story time: All About Bikes! Join us for a fun family story time all about bikes – learn why they are so cool and how to use them safely. 10:00 am at the Fruita Library Branch.

Tuesday, May 21 Adult crafting: Make a popsicle stick bicycles! Come and create a popsicle stick bike during our monthly adult crafting event. 10:30 am at the Fruita Library Branch.

NOW, THEREFORE, WE, the Fruita City Council hereby proclaim the month of May, 2024 as “**GRAND VALLEY BIKE MONTH**” and Wednesday, May 1, 2024 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 16th day of April 2024.

Joel Kincaid, Mayor

