

WHEREAS; the bicycle is an economical, healthy, convenient, and environmentally sound form of transportation and an excellent tool for recreation and enjoyment of Iowa Colony's scenic beauty; and

WHEREAS; throughout the month of May, the residents of Iowa Colony and its visitors will experience the joys of bicycling through educational programs, races, commuting events, charity events, or by simply getting out and going for a ride; and

WHEREAS; Iowa Colony's road and trail system attracts bicyclists each year, providing economic health, transportation, tourism, and scenic benefits; and

WHEREAS; creating a bicycling-friendly community has been shown to improve citizens' health, well-being, and quality of life, growing the economy of Iowa Colony, attracting tourism dollars, improving traffic safety, supporting student learning outcomes, and reducing pollution, congestion, and wear and tear on our streets and roads; and

WHEREAS; the League of American Bicyclists, schools, parks and recreation departments, police departments, public health districts, hospitals, companies and civic groups will be promoting bicycling during the month of May; and

WHEREAS; these groups are also promoting bicycle tourism year round to attract more visitors to enjoy our local restaurants, retail establishments, and cultural and scenic attractions; and

WHEREAS; these groups are also promoting greater public awareness of bicycle operation and safety education in an effort to reduce collisions, injuries, and fatalities and improve health and safety for everyone on the road; and

NOW, THEREFORE; I, Wil Kennedy, Mayor of Iowa Colony, do hereby proclaim May 2025 as **Bike Month** in Iowa Colony, and I urge all residents to join me in this special observance.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set hand and caused the seal of the City of Iowa Colony, Texas, to be affixed this 14th day of April, 2025.

Wil Kennedy Mayor of Iowa Colony, Texas