

Proclamation

- Whereas*, bicycling is one of the most energy-efficient forms of transportation ever invented, and is a mode of transportation well suited to urban environments where trips are short in length; and overly congested roads are difficult and costly to expand; and
- Whereas*, transportation accounts for about a third of the energy used in Washington State, and about half of carbon dioxide emissions from fossil fuel; which add to the problem of climate change; and
- Whereas*, bicycle commuting reduces energy consumption, pollution, and congestion; and
- Whereas*, bicycling makes people healthier, more productive, and prevents chronic diseases through physical activity; and supports physical, emotional and mental well-being; and
- Whereas*, the national non-profit bicycling safety and education association, the League of American Bicyclists, has declared the month of May to be national bike month for each of the last sixty-eight (68) years, and has done so again in 2025, and
- Whereas*, the City of Tenino supports alternatives to inefficient drive-alone trips, particularly for travel around the City, by building bicycle facilities; and
- Whereas*, Intercity Transit, with sponsors including many local businesses is hosting the 38th Annual Bicycle Community Challenge during the month of May 2025.

NOW THEREFORE, we, the Council of the City of Tenino, Washington, do hereby declare

May 2025
Bicycle Month

in the City of Tenino, and in recognition of Earth Day, National Bike Month, and Clean Air Month, we encourage all citizens to put forth their best effort to reduce single-occupant motor vehicle trips to reduce air pollution, energy consumption and congestion.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, signed this 13th day of May, in the year, two thousand and twenty-five.

David Watterson, Mayor

Linda Gotovac, Mayor Pro-Tem

Elaine Klamn, Council Member

Jason Lawton, Council Member

John O'Callahan, Council Member

Jeff Eisel, Council Member