

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 half of carbon dioxide emissions from fossil fuel in Washington State, which adds to the problem of climate change; and
- Whereas,* bicycle commuting reduces energy consumption, pollution, and congestion; and
- Whereas,* bicycling makes people healthier and more productive, prevents chronic diseases through physical activity, improves cardiovascular health, reduces stress, 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-six (66) years, and has done so again in 2023; and
- Whereas,* the City of Tumwater supports healthier alternatives to inefficient drive-alone trips, particularly for travel around the City, by building bicycle facilities, and participating in the Wheel Options commute trip reduction campaign; and
- Whereas,* Intercity Transit, with many sponsors including local and regional businesses and organizations, is hosting the 36th Annual Bicycle Community Challenge during the month of May 2023.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Debbie Sullivan, Mayor of the City of Tumwater, do hereby proclaim the month of

May 2023
Bicycle Month

in the City of Tumwater, and in recognition of National Bike Month and Clean Air Month, I encourage all residents to put forth their best effort to reduce single-occupant motor vehicle trips to reduce air pollution, energy consumption and traffic congestion.

Signed in the City of Tumwater, Washington, and recognized on this 2nd day of May, two thousand twenty-three.



A blue ink signature of Debbie Sullivan, written in a cursive style.

Debbie Sullivan
Mayor