## 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-eight (68) years, and has done so again in 2025; 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 38<sup>th</sup> Annual Bicycle Community Challenge during the month of May 2025.

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

## May 2025 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 6<sup>nd</sup> day of May, two thousand twenty-five.



<u>Soldue Sullu</u> Debbie Sullivan Mayor