

CITY OF WESTWOOD, KANSAS

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Bike Month was established as a national celebration in 1956 and is supported by the League of American Bicyclists; and

WHEREAS, the designation is meant to showcase the many benefits of bicycling and encourage more people to give biking a try; and

WHEREAS, May 4, 2025 is National “Ride a Bike Day”; and

WHEREAS, May 7, 2025 is National “Bike to School Day”; and

WHEREAS, May is also the time of year for people to celebrate “Bike to Work Week” from May 12 to May 18, 2025 as well as “Bike to Work Day” on May 16, 2025; and

WHEREAS, bicycling offers an opportunity to invest in more equitable access to key resources for communities and households without a car; and

WHEREAS, bicycling is a form of active transportation which can contribute to more physical activity and improved mental health; and

WHEREAS, investing in connected and protected bike infrastructure and related facilities can be beneficial for local businesses; and

WHEREAS, according to the Kansas Department of Transportation, biking and walking generate more than \$162 million annually in economic benefits; and

WHEREAS, the emergence of electric-assist bicycles and cargo bicycles have vastly expanded the possibilities of bicycling as a utilitarian form of transportation capable of helping people to take fewer car trips; and

WHEREAS, bicycling isn’t just an activity for able-bodied adults, but also an activity and means of transportation for children, older adults, and people living with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, greater support for biking policies, plans, and projects will be an integral part of addressing climate change;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, David E. Waters, Mayor of the City of Westwood, Kansas, do hereby proclaim the month of May 2025 is designated as bike month in Westwood, Kansas.

**PROCLAIMED BY THE MAYOR OF WESTWOOD, KANSAS
THIS 8TH DAY OF MAY, 2025.**

ATTEST:

David E. Waters
Mayor

Abby Schneweis
City Clerk