



Proclamation

WHEREAS, for more than a century, the bicycle has been an important part of the lives of many Americans, and, today, millions of Americans engage in bicycling to commute to work or school; to achieve and maintain physical fitness; and to recreate with family and friends; and,

WHEREAS, the education of cyclists, pedestrians, and motorists as to the proper and safe interaction of traffic is important to ensure the safety and comfort of all roadway users; and,

WHEREAS, in 2009, the City established a *Bicycle Advisory Commission* to serve as an advisory body to improve conditions for bicyclists; to promote bicycling as a means of transportation; to improve safety conditions for bicyclists; and to help implement policy, programs, and bikeway infrastructure for all ages and users; and,

WHEREAS, the *Merced Bicycle Coalition* and independent cyclists throughout our City are promoting greater public awareness of bicycle operation and safety education in an effort to reduce accidents, injuries, and fatalities for all;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MIKE MURPHY, Mayor of the City of Merced, on behalf of the City Council, and the City of Merced Bicycle Advisory Commission, do hereby proclaim the month of May 2017 as BIKE MONTH throughout the City, and further proclaim Thursday, May 4, 2017, as BIKE-TO-WORK DAY and BIKE-TO-SCHOOL DAY, and urge all Citizens of Merced to recognize the importance of bicycling for transportation and recreation, and urge everyone to be more aware of cyclists using our public streets.

Signed this 1st day of May, 2017.

Mike Murphy, Mayor of Merced