

The State of Washington



Proclamation

WHEREAS, the bicycle is part of a sustainable, multimodal transportation system and a viable and environmentally sound form of transportation; and

WHEREAS, throughout the month of May, millions of Washingtonians will experience the joys of bicycling through educational programs, races, commuting events, trail work days, helmet promotions, charity events, or getting out and going for a ride; and

WHEREAS, consumers in Washington spend \$21.6 billion on outdoor recreation activities, including \$ 3.1 billion on bicycling, for outdoor recreation equipment, apparel, lodging, and other services, and support nearly 200,000 jobs; and

WHEREAS, Washington's road and trail system attracts hundreds of thousands of bicyclists each year, providing economic, health, transportation, tourism, and scenic benefits; and

WHEREAS, creating bicycling-friendly communities has been shown to improve citizens' health, well-being, and quality of life, growing local economies, improving traffic safety, supporting student learning outcomes, and reducing pollution and congestion; and

WHEREAS, Washington Bikes, Cascade Bicycle Club, Evergreen Mountain Bike Alliance, the League of American Bicyclists, local bicycle clubs, schools, cities and counties, parks and recreation departments, police departments, public health districts, hospitals, companies and civic groups throughout Washington will be promoting bicycling during the month of May 2015; and

WHEREAS, these groups are also promoting greater public awareness of bicycle operation and safety education in an effort to reduce collisions, injuries, and fatalities; and

WHEREAS, the Washington State Department of Transportation, Washington State Department of Revenue and other state agencies and partners will organize the Ninth Annual Interagency Bicycle Ride held in Olympia on May 15, 2015;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jay Inslee, Governor of the state of Washington, do hereby proclaim May 2015 as

Bike Month

in Washington, and I urge all people in our state to join me in this special observance



Signed this 24th day of April, 2015

Handwritten signature of Jay Inslee in blue ink.

Governor Jay Inslee