



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the bicycle is an economical, healthy, convenient, and environmentally sound form of transportation and an excellent tool for recreation and enjoyment of the city of Bismarck's scenic beauty; and,

WHEREAS, throughout the month of May, the residents of the city of Bismarck and its visitors will experience the joys of bicycling through a variety of organized activities or events, or by simply getting out and going for a ride; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Bismarck is recognized as a Bronze Level Bicycle Friendly Community by the League of American Bicyclists, reflecting a commitment to bicycle infrastructure, education, and encouragement; and,

WHEREAS, creating a bicycle friendly community has been shown to improve citizens' health, well-being, and quality of life, growing Bismarck's economy, attracting tourism dollars, improving traffic safety, supporting student learning outcomes, and reducing pollution, congestion, and wear and tear on our streets and roads; and,

WHEREAS, the Bicycle and Pedestrian Subcommittee of the Bismarck-Mandan Metropolitan Planning Organization, the League of American Bicyclists, local schools, parks and recreation departments, police departments, public health districts, and civic groups will be promoting bicycling during the month of May through bike buses, Bike to Work Day, Bike and Roll to School Day, a Bicycle Friendly Community Workshop, and more; and,

WHEREAS, these groups are also promoting bicycle tourism year-round to attract more visitors to enjoy our local restaurants, hotels, retail establishments, and cultural and scenic attractions; 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 improve health and safety for everyone on the road.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Mike Schmitz, Mayor of the City of Bismarck, on behalf of this Commission, do hereby proclaim the month of May 2025, as **BIKE MONTH** in the City of Bismarck, and I urge all residents to join me in this special observance.

Signed this 13th day of May 2025.

Michael Schmitz, Mayor
Bismarck Board of City Commissioners