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BIKE MONTH PROCLAMATION

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

WHEREAS, the Covered Bridges Scenic Bikeway and Cottage Grove's roads and trail system attracts bicyclists each year, providing economic health, transportation, tourism and scenic benefits; and

WHEREAS, creating a bicycling-friendly community has been shown to improve citizens' health, well-being and quality of life, growing the economy of Cottage Grove, 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, Cottage Grove Cycling Club, Cottage Grove Coalition for Bicycle Safety, the League of American Bicyclists, schools, parks and recreation departments, police departments, public health districts, hospitals, companies and civic groups will be promoting bicycling during the month of May, 2024; and

WHEREAS, Bike to Work Week is May 13th – 19th with Bike to Work Day on Friday, May 17th; and

WHEREAS, the Oregon Gran Fondo will bring over 300 cyclists to the community on Saturday, June 1st; and

WHEREAS, these groups are also promoting great 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.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Candace Solesbee, Mayor of Cottage Grove, on behalf of the City Council, do hereby proclaim May as "Bike Month" and urge all residents to join me in this special observance.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Cottage Grove to be affixed this 22nd day of April, 2024.



Candace Solesbee, Mayor
City of Cottage Grove, Oregon