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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, throughout the month of May, the residents of Cottage Grove and its visitors will experience the joys of bicycling through educational programs, races, commuting events, charity events, or by simply getting out and going for a ride; 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, 2022; and

WHEREAS, Bike to Work Week is May 16th – 22nd with Bike to Work Day on Friday, May 20th; 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 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; and

WHEREAS, the Oregon Gran Fondo will bring over 300 cyclists to the community on Saturday, June 4th; and

WHEREAS, I will be hosting the 6th Annual Mayor’s Family Friendly Bike Ride on Saturday, June 18th at 10:00 am starting at the Row River Trailhead Park.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jeffrey D. Gowing, Mayor of Cottage Grove, do hereby proclaim May as “Bike Month” and urge all residents to join me in this special observance and encourage everyone to join me for the Mayor’s Bike Ride.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Cottage Grove to be affixed this 25th day of April, 2022.



Jeffrey D. Gowing, Mayor
City of Cottage Grove, Oregon