

Bike Month Proclamation (Draft)

Know all citizens by these presents that:

- WHEREAS: for more than a century, the bicycle has been an important part of the lives of most Americans; and
- WHEREAS: today, millions of Americans engage in bicycling as an environmentally sound form of transportation, an excellent form of fitness, and to provide quality family recreation; and
- WHEREAS: the education of cyclists and motorists as to the proper and safe operation of bicycles is important to ensure the safety and comfort of all users; and
- WHEREAS: independent cyclists throughout our City are promoting greater public awareness of bicycle operations and safety education in an effort to reduce accidents, injuries and fatalities; and
- WHEREAS: the City of Chesapeake has a Bicycle/Trails Advisory Committee that will be promoting bicycling and bicycle safety throughout our beautiful City during the month of May 2018 by way of various promotional activities; and
- WHEREAS: the Chesapeake City Council promotes bicycling through the adoption of relevant policies in the Comprehensive Plan along with a Trails Plan showing facilities worthy of future development; and
- WHEREAS: there are currently numerous bicycle facilities within City parks that will be promoted on the Parks, Recreation & Tourism Department webpage during Bike Month, featuring the Dismal Swamp Canal Trail, Oak Grove Lake Park, Northwest River Park and Indian River Park; and
- WHEREAS: the City of Chesapeake co-sponsors the Chesapeake Criterium Bike Race to be held on August 11, 2018 at the Chesapeake Civic Center Complex; and
- WHEREAS: the City of Chesapeake Bicycle/Trails Advisory Committee sponsors the Chesapeake BikeFest to be held on Sunday, May 6, 2018 at the Dismal Swamp Canal Trail;
- WHEREAS: the League of American Bicyclists has established May as National Bicycle Month and the City of Chesapeake supports this designation.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Dr. Richard W. "Rick" West, Mayor of the City of Chesapeake, Virginia, do hereby proclaim the month of May 2018 as

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in the City of Chesapeake and urge all citizens to recognize and partake in the many benefits of cycling and to help promote bicycle safety in our community throughout the year.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the SEAL of the City of Chesapeake to be affixed this 24th day of April, in the year of our Lord, two thousand and eighteen.

DR. RICHARD W. "RICK" WEST, MAYOR