



# Proclamation



## BIKE MONTH 2020

**WHEREAS**, in this year of the coronavirus pandemic, we are all “staying at home” as much as possible during the month of May, but even as we “stay at home” during this pandemic, we are encouraged to get outdoors and exercise as much as possible; and

**WHEREAS**, particularly in this context, it seems more timely than ever for a proclamation recognizing the benefits of bicycling, and urging residents to ride their bikes; and

**WHEREAS**, National Bike Month was established in 1956 to highlight the many positive aspects of bike riding and encourage more people to participate in this activity; and

**WHEREAS**, Policies 3.25 and 4.31 of *Carrboro Vision 2020* set a goal of increasing the safety and comfort of pedestrians, and encourage the Town to implement its bicycle and pedestrian network plan; and Policy 5.0 of the *Carrboro Vision 2020 Plan* indicates that the town should serve as a leader in protecting the environment and its residents; and

**WHEREAS**, to continue improving as a bike-friendly community, Carrboro is updating its *Comprehensive Bike Plan*, first issued in 2009; this town-wide effort will make biking in Carrboro safer, more accessible, more convenient, and a more effective alternative to vehicular transportation; and

**WHEREAS**, the environmental benefits of biking rather than driving are well-documented; during this unusual time with less traffic, biking is safer than usual; many have noticed an increase of families and young people riding bicycles in the town; and

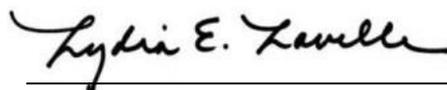
**WHEREAS**, while the COVID-19 pandemic has forced the cancellation of our traditional Bike Month activities, the Town urges residents to promote bicycling this month during the week that would typically include Bike to School Day:

- On **Tuesday, May 5**, we encourage Carrboro residents to decorate their sidewalks, windows or bikes with signs of encouragement to bike; and
- On **Wednesday, May 6**, we encourage Carrboro residents to ride their bikes with family and friends to their school or around their neighborhood. We also encourage residents to ride their bikes or walk to look for chalk art or signs created by others. Share a photo of your family or a location on your route on social media using #BiketoSchoolDay!

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that I, Lydia E. Lavelle, Mayor of the Town of Carrboro, North Carolina, do hereby proclaim May as “**BIKE MONTH**” in Carrboro. I urge all residents of Carrboro to take time during this picture-perfect-weather month to get out and enjoy the simple pleasure of riding their bikes.

This is the 28<sup>th</sup> day of April 2020.



  
Lydia E. Lavelle, Mayor