

The State of Washington



Proclamation

WHEREAS, the bicycle is a healthy, convenient, affordable, enjoyable, and environmentally-sound form of transportation; and

WHEREAS, throughout the month of May and beyond, Washingtonians will experience the joys and benefits of bicycling through educational programs, Bike Everywhere Challenges, Bike to School Day, trail work days, races and group events, or simply going for a ride; and

WHEREAS, consumers in Washington spend \$21.6 billion per year in the outdoor economy, including over \$3.1 billion on bicycling, for equipment, apparel, lodging, services, and more, supporting nearly 200,000 jobs in every part of the state; and

WHEREAS, bicycling serves as essential transportation for many who do not or cannot drive so that they can access jobs, education, essential goods and services, transit, and recreation; and

WHEREAS, creating bicycling-friendly communities has been shown to improve health, well-being, and quality of life, grow local economies, improve traffic safety and mobility for all, reduce pollution, congestion, and roadway wear and tear, support transportation independence for all ages and abilities, and provide families with healthy time together; and

WHEREAS, Washington Bikes, Cascade Bicycle Club, Evergreen Mountain Bike Alliance, the League of American Bicyclists, schools, cities and counties, parks and recreation departments, police departments, public health districts, health care providers and companies, and civic groups across Washington will be promoting bicycling during the month of May 2018; and

WHEREAS, these partners and state agencies are promoting greater public awareness of bicycling to reduce collisions, injuries, and fatalities, and the Washington State Department of Transportation is working to improve connections for people on bikes as part of Washington's integrated, multimodal transportation system;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jay Inslee, Governor of the state of Washington, do hereby proclaim May 2018 as

Bike Month

in Washington, and I encourage all people in our state to join me in this special observance.

Signed this 18th day of April, 2018

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jay Inslee".

Governor Jay Inslee

