



City of  
Santa Rosa  
*Proclamation*

**WHEREAS**, the bicycle is a healthy, convenient, financially and environmentally sound form of transportation and an excellent tool for recreation and enjoyment of Santa Rosa's scenic beauty, local attractions, and friendly neighborhoods; and

**WHEREAS**, Santa Rosa's roads and trails attract 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 and supports student health and learning; and

**WHEREAS**, the growing economy of Santa Rosa is supported by attracting tourism dollars, improving traffic safety, reducing pollution, congestion, and wear and tear on our streets and roads; and

**WHEREAS**, the COVID-19 pandemic and shelter in place orders have resulted in a large increase in the number of Santa Rosa residents riding bicycles; and

**WHEREAS**, the Sonoma County Bicycle Coalition, the League of American Bicyclists, the Metropolitan Transportation Commission, and jurisdictions throughout the Bay Area will be promoting bicycling during the month of September 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, throughout the month of September, the residents of Santa Rosa and its visitors can experience the joys of bicycling through free educational programs these organizations will be offering, such as team bike challenges, and virtual events; and

**WHEREAS**, these groups are also promoting greater 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, BE IT RESOLVED**, that I, Tom Schwedhelm, Mayor of the City of Santa Rosa, on behalf of the entire City Council, invite all residents to participate on September 24 for Bike to Wherever Day and do hereby proclaim September 2020 as



**BIKE TO WHEREVER DAYS**

Mayor Tom Schwedhelm  
September 15, 2020