

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 streets 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, growing the economy, attracting tourism, improving safety, supporting student learning, and reducing pollution, congestion, and wear and tear on our streets and roads; and

WHEREAS; since 2001 the Sonoma County Bicycle Coalition has been promoting bicycling for transportation and recreation through education, encouragement, and advocacy; 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 May 2024; and

WHEREAS; throughout the month of May, the residents of Santa Rosa and its visitors can experience the joys of bicycling through free educational programs, challenges, and events, organized by these groups; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that, I, Natalie Rogers, Mayor of the City of Santa Rosa, on behalf of the entire City Council, do hereby proclaim May 2024 as Bike to Work Month and May 16, 2024, as Bike to Work Day for the City of Santa Rosa, and urge all residents to participate in this special observance.

MAY 2024 BIKE TO WORK MONTH & DAY

Mayor Natalie Rogers May 7, 2024