



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the bicycle is a viable and environmentally sound method of transportation and an excellent form of recreation; and

WHEREAS, thousands of Fort Collins residents will experience the joys of bicycling during the month of June through educational programs, races, commuting events, trail work days, groups rides, helmet and bike light promotion, charity events, or just getting out and going for a ride; and

WHEREAS, our City maintains nearly 280 miles of bicycle routes and lanes, and over 32 miles of paved multi-use trails which attract thousands of bicyclists each year, providing economic, health and scenic benefits to residents and visitors; and

WHEREAS, Fort Collins is nationally recognized as a Gold Level Bicycle Friendly Community and is on the cusp of a Platinum Level designation; and

WHEREAS, the education of bicyclists and motorists as to the proper and safe operation of bicycles is important to ensure the safety and comfort of all users; and

WHEREAS, the League of American Bicyclists, FC Bikes, the Bicycle and Pedestrian Education Coalition, local bicycle clubs, schools, Parks and Recreation, Police Services, Poudre Valley Hospital, local businesses and civic groups will be promoting bicycling as a leisure activity as well as an environmentally-friendly alternative to the automobile during the month of June 2012.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Karen Weitkunat, Mayor of the City of Fort Collins, do hereby proclaim the month of June 2012 as

BIKE MONTH

in Fort Collins and I encourage citizens to try bicycling as a sensible mode of transportation or recreation and to participate in the many events planned for the summer months, particularly, the 25th annual Bike to Work Day on June 27.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and the seal of the City of Fort Collins this 5th day of June, A.D. 2012.

Mayor

ATTEST:

Interim City Clerk