

PROCLAMATION

DECLARING MAY 2014 AS MAY IS BIKE MONTH IN THE CITY OF DAVIS

WHEREAS, Davis is awarded the “Best Cycling Town” in the U.S. by USA Today; and

WHEREAS, Davis is home to America’s first bicycle lane and has been recognized by the League of American Bicyclists as the first platinum-level Bicycle Friendly Community in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the City of Davis has adopted the *Beyond Platinum – Bicycle Action Plan* to accomplish the City’s bicycle mode share objective of 30 percent plus, and to obtain the newly designed diamond-level Bicycle Friendly Community designation by 2020; and

WHEREAS, the City of Davis, a Bicycle Friendly Business, strives to continue to improve upon its long history as a leader in planning and engineering for bicycles through examining and applying innovative bicycle facilities that improve safety and comfort; and

WHEREAS, the City of Davis officially endorses the National Association of City Transportation Officials’ (NACTO) *Urban Bikeway and Street Design Guidelines*; and

WHEREAS, the City of Davis is collaborating with the Davis Joint Unified School District, UC Davis, Davis Downtown, the Yolo County Visitors Bureau, the Chamber of Commerce, the US Bicycling Hall of Fame, and Davis Bicycles! to identify and solve transportation issues while safely increasing bicycling and walking in Davis; and

WHEREAS, Davis is home to many incredible cycling assets, such as, the US Bicycling Hall of Fame, the Davis Bike Loop, 50 miles of dedicated Class one bike paths, 50 miles of bike lanes, and 29 grade-separated crossings, approximately 8 on-street bicycle parking stalls, a Safe Routes to Schools program, and many passionate bicycling organizations, such as Davis Bicycles!, Davis Bike Club, Davis Bicycle Collective (aka Bike Forth), as well as dedicated bike shops such as Apex, B&L Bike Shop, Blisworks Bikes, Davis Bicycle Exchange, Freewheeler, Ken’s Bike & Ski, The Bike People, The Green Bicycle Depot, UC Davis Bike Barn, Wheelworks, and King High School’s Bike Shop; and

WHEREAS, UC Davis actively encourages bicycle commuting through the campus “goBike” program and experiences upwards of 20,000 daily bicyclists comprised of students, staff and faculty alike, and UC Davis is both a platinum-level Bicycle Friendly University and platinum-level Bicycle Friendly Business; and

WHEREAS, UC Davis' faculty and students and the campus' Institute of Transportation Studies help support the growth of city and university bike initiatives through studies on bike safety and innovative street design techniques.

WHEREAS, the improved health of Davis' residents including both school-age children and adults, can be directly attributed to increased levels of cycling and walking; and

WHEREAS, cycling to school and work is an effective means to reduce traffic congestion and air pollution around schools and neighborhoods, and is an integral part of the Cool Davis Initiative's efforts to reduce Davis' carbon footprint, over 50 percent of which comes from motor vehicles; and

WHEREAS, the City of Davis has developed the *Ride Walk Davis* program to address and encourage intermodal transportation in Davis and the region, while placing special emphasis on cycling-related activities and infrastructure improvements; and

WHEREAS, the City of Davis encourages students, citizens and businesses to participate in the Sacramento region's *May is Bike Month* online bike miles goal-setting and other events coordinated by the Sacramento Area Council of Governments (SACOG), especially the Davis-based *Bike to School Day* on May 7th and *Bike to Work Day* on May 15th, and

WHEREAS, cycling is FUN for people of all ages and abilities and adds to the vibrancy of the Davis community and increases positive social interactions amongst residents, students, and visitors;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Joe Krovoza, Mayor of Davis, on behalf of the Davis City Council and the Citizens of Davis, do hereby proclaim the month of May 2014 as *May is Bike Month*, which will be a time to use bicycle transportation to minimize our impact on the earth, a time to celebrate our community, and a time to work together for the health of ourselves and our planet.

April 22, 2014

Joseph F. Krovoza
Mayor