

PROCLAMATION

A PROCLAMATION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BRISBANE DECLARING MAY AS BICYCLE MONTH

WHEREAS, the bicycle is a viable and environmentally sound form of transportation, an excellent form of recreation, and a way to improve health through daily physical activity; and

WHEREAS, millions of Americans will experience the joys of bicycling during the month of May through social rides, Bike to Work Day, safe riding promotions, or just getting out and going for a ride; and

WHEREAS, The City of Brisbane benefits from the thousands of people from the Bay Area region who are attracted to the area each year to enjoy bicycling, providing economic, health, and scenic benefits to citizens of California and the world; and

WHEREAS, The City of Brisbane hosts events that annually attract people from the Bay Area region to enjoy bicycling, including *Bike to Work Day* and various organized bicycle races; and

WHEREAS, these bicycling activities and attractions have great potential to have a positive impact on the City of Brisbane's economy and tourism industry and to stimulate economic development by making the city attractive to businesses and citizens who enjoy the outdoors and healthy and active lifestyles; and

WHEREAS, the City of Brisbane together with San Mateo County's recognition of National Bike Month furthers the City of Brisbane's efforts to be a bicycle-friendly community and increase the proportion of residents making some daily trips by bicycle, reducing Brisbane's costs due to roadway wear-and-tear; and

WHEREAS, bicycling has been shown to improve citizens' health, well-being, and quality of life, and to reduce pollution and traffic congestion, and that support for bicycling boosts community spirit, and helps increase awareness of bicycling skills to improve traffic safety; and

WHEREAS, Bike Month aligns with the City of Brisbane's goals to improve health, livability, prosperity, and the environment; and

WHEREAS, May has been declared National Bike Month for each of the last 60 years since its inception in 1956, and is so again in 2016; and

WHEREAS, the City of Brisbane, the County of San Mateo, the League of American Bicyclists, regional bicycle coalitions, bicycle clubs, schools, parks and recreation departments, police departments, hospitals, companies and civic groups throughout California will be promoting bicycling as a leisure activity as well as an environmentally-friendly transportation mode during the month of May 2016; and

WHEREAS, the number of people using bicycles for daily commuting across the nation has increased by 62% since the year 2000, and bicycling in San Mateo County has increased to 3.4% of all trips, and the events of Bike Month help to increase the use of bicycles by people of all ages, abilities and backgrounds; and

WHEREAS, short trips of less than five miles length are ideal for bicycle use, and 50% of all daily trips made in California are less than three miles in distance, and yet 80% of those trips are made by car; and

WHEREAS, the Silicon Valley Bicycle Coalition, Commute.org and regional bicycle clubs and merchants, as well as organizations across the state support the official designation of National Bike Month and will promote bicycle transportation during the month of May 2016; and

WHEREAS, other cities and counties across the state of California have signed legislation designating May of each year as National Bike Month:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that the members of the City of Brisbane City Council hereby recognize that starting in the month of May 2016, May will be designated as National Bike Month, and the second week of May as Bike to Work Week; and

BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED that the City of Brisbane City Council urges all who support healthy communities to participate in the bicycle events planned and urges all road users to share the road safely with bicyclists.

Dated: April 7, 2016

Cliff Lentz, Mayor