City of Stillwater, Minnesota

Proclamation

WHEREAS, throughout the month of May, the City of Stillwater will celebrate biking and the freedom, the joy, and the well-being it imbues within us, as well as the power that more people riding bikes has in making life better for everyone; and

WHEREAS, May 15-21, 2023 is "Bike to Work Week" and May 19, 2023 is "Bike to Work Day"; and

WHEREAS, throughout the month of May, the residents of the City of Stillwater and its visitors will experience the joys of bicycling through group rides, races, commuting events, educational programs, charity events, and/or by simply getting out and going somewhere by bike; and

WHEREAS, bicycling has been shown to improve citizens' health, well-being, and quality of life, growing the economy of the City of Stillwater, attracting tourism dollars and local business spending and reducing pollution, congestion and parking costs on our streets and roads; and

WHEREAS, the City of Stillwater will be promoting the use of the bicycle as both a means of transportation and recreation year-round to attract more visitors to enjoy our local parks and trail systems, as well as restaurants, hotels, retail establishments, and cultural and scenic attractions; and

WHEREAS, the City will also promote greater public awareness of bicycle operation and safety education during Bike Month and year-round in an effort to reduce collisions, injuries and fatalities and improve health and safety for everyone on the road; and

NOW THEREFORE, I, Ted Kozlowski, Mayor of the City of Stillwater, do hereby proclaim **May 2023** as

~ Bike Month ~

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Stillwater to be affixed this 16th day of May, 2023.



Mayor