

**OFFICE OF THE MAYOR**  
City of Eugene, Oregon

**PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS:** The bicycle is an economical, healthy, convenient, and environmentally sound form of transportation and an excellent tool for recreation and enjoyment of Eugene's scenic beauty; and

**WHEREAS:** Throughout the month of May, the residents of Eugene and its visitors will experience the joys of bicycling through educational programs, races, commuting events, charity events, or by simply getting out and going for a ride; and

**WHEREAS:** Eugene has worked in partnership with the University of Oregon, LTD, and Peace Health to launch a new bike share program, PeaceHealth Rides, to provide residents and visitors a new transportation option in the community; and

**WHEREAS:** Creating a bicycling-friendly community has been shown to improve citizens' health, well-being, and quality of life, growing the economy of Eugene, attracting tourism dollars, improving traffic safety, supporting student learning outcomes, and reducing pollution, congestion, and wear and tear on our streets and roads; and

**WHEREAS:** WeBikeEugene, the League of American Bicyclists, schools, parks and recreation departments, police departments, public health districts, hospitals, companies and civic groups will be promoting bicycling during the month of May 2018; and

**WHEREAS:** These groups are also promoting bicycle tourism year round to attract more visitors to enjoy our local restaurants, hotels, retail establishments, and cultural and scenic attractions; and

**WHEREAS:** These groups are also promoting greater public awareness of bicycle operation and safety education in an effort to reduce collisions, injuries, and fatalities and improve health and safety for everyone on the road; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, Lucy Vinis, Mayor of the City of Eugene, Oregon, do hereby proclaim May 2018 as**

***"Bike Month"***

in the City of Eugene, and I urge all residents to join me in this special observance.



*Lucy Vinis*

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*Mayor of Eugene*

*April 19, 2018*