

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 enjoyment of Eugene's scenic beauty that allows community members to follow social distancing guidelines and travel for essential trips and exercise purposes during the Covid-19 pandemic; and
- WHEREAS:** Throughout the month of May, the residents of Eugene can experience the joys of bicycling while supporting community safety by attending virtual events, wearing masks while riding, maintaining safe distances from others, riding solo or with members of their own household, choosing less busy times of day and less busy routes for rides; and
- WHEREAS:** Community members can directly support the local economy by purchasing bicycles from and taking bicycles to local bike shops by appointment while wearing masks; 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:** The City of Eugene has over 80 miles of on-street bike lanes, 40 miles of shared-use paths, 2 miles protected bikeways, and many great projects being built during the summer of 2020, including a new protected bikeway for 13th Avenue and the "Northeast Livable Streets" projects; and
- WHEREAS:** The League of American Bicyclists, WeBikeLane.org, Safe Routes to School, parks and recreation departments, police departments, public health districts, hospitals, companies and civic groups will be promoting bicycling during the month of May 2020; and
- WHEREAS:** These groups are also promoting greater public awareness of bicycle operation and safety education in an effort to reach our Vision Zero goals and to reduce collisions, injuries, and fatalities and improve the 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 2020 is Still Bike Month"

in Eugene, Oregon and urge all residents to join me in this special observance.



Lucy Vinis

Mayor Lucy Vinis
City of Eugene
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