

Bike Month Proclamation

- WHEREAS, bicycles are an economical, healthy, convenient, and environmentally sound form of transportation and an excellent tool for recreation and enjoyment of Northfield's picturesque City; and
- WHEREAS, throughout the month of May, the residents of Northfield can 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, Northfield's road and trail system attracts bicyclists each year, providing economic health, transportation, tourism, and scenic benefits; and
- WHEREAS, creating a bicycling-friendly community has been shown to improve citizens' health, well-being, and quality of life, growing the economy of Northfield 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 Cannon River Off-road Cycling & Trails, Bike Northfield, River Bend Nature Center, the League of American Bicyclists, Rice County Statewide Health Improvement Program (SHIP), schools, businesses and civic groups will be promoting bicycling during the month of May 2017; 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.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTHFIELD, MINNESOTA THAT:

May 2017 be declared Bike Month.

PASSED by the City Council of the City of Northfield on this 18th day of April, 2017.



Mayor Pownell

