

**P R O C L A M A T I O N**  
**DESIGNATING MAY 2015 AS “BIKE MONTH”; MAY 6, 2015 AS “WALK AND BIKE TO SCHOOL DAY”; THE WEEK OF MAY 11-15, 2015 AS “BIKE TO WORK WEEK”; AND MAY 15, 2015 AS “BIKE TO WORK DAY”**

**WHEREAS**, the League of American Bicyclists (LAB) is promoting May 2015 as National Bike Month, the week of May 11-15, 2015 as Bike to Work Week, and May 15, 2015, as Bike to Work Day; and

**WHEREAS**, the National Center for Safe Routes to School and the LAB are promoting May 6, 2015, as National Walk and Bike to School Day; and

**WHEREAS**, the Carrboro Comprehensive Bicycle Transportation Plan recommends promoting National Bike Month and Bike to Work Day; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Carrboro is a Silver-level Bicycle Friendly Community working towards Gold; and

**WHEREAS**, encouraging bicycling as a mode of transportation helps the Town of Carrboro is one of the Mayors’ Challenge for Safer People, Safer Streets activities; and

**WHEREAS**, a short trip made by bicycle instead of a single-occupancy vehicle prevents 3.6 pounds of pollutants per mile from being emitted into the atmosphere; and

**WHEREAS**, a round-trip bike commute of 10 miles saves roughly \$10 per day and prevents 10 lbs. of carbon dioxide emissions per day, compared with driving; and

**WHEREAS**, research has shown that bike facilities lead to increased retail sales in business districts and higher property values; and

**WHEREAS**, a lack of physical activity plays a leading role in rising rates of obesity, diabetes, and other health problems among children and adults, and bicycling is a fitness activity that may lower these health risks.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that I, Lydia Lavelle, the Mayor of the Town of Carrboro, North Carolina, do hereby proclaim that **May 2015** is designated as “**Bike Month**”; **May 6, 2015** is designated as “**Walk and Bike to School Day**”; **May 11-15, 2015** is designated as “**Bike to Work Week**”; and **May 15, 2015** is designated as “**Bike to Work Day**”.

This the 21<sup>st</sup> day of April 2015

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Lydia E. Lavelle, Mayor