

P R O C L A M A T I O N
DESIGNATING MAY 2014 AS “BIKE MONTH”; MAY 7, 2014, AS “WALK AND BIKE TO SCHOOL DAY”; THE WEEK OF MAY 12-16, 2014, AS “BIKE TO WORK WEEK”; AND MAY 16, 2014, AS “BIKE TO WORK DAY”

WHEREAS, the League of American Bicyclists (LAB) is promoting May 2014 as National Bike Month, the week of May 12-16, 2014, as Bike to Work Week, and May 16, 2014, as Bike to Work Day; and

WHEREAS, the National Center for Safe Routes to School and the LAB are promoting May 7, 2014, as National 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 LAB designated the Town of Carrboro as a Silver-level Bicycle Friendly Community; and

WHEREAS, promoting bicycling as a mode of transportation helps the Town of Carrboro progress toward greenhouse gas reduction goals; and

WHEREAS, when a short trip is made by bicycle instead of a single-occupancy vehicle, it 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, on a national level, the number of people using a bicycle to get to work grew by 47 percent from 2000 to 2011; 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 2014** is designated as “**Bike Month**”; **May 7, 2014**, is designated as “**Walk and Bike to School Day**”; **May 12-16, 2014**, is designated as “**Bike to Work Week**”; and **May 16, 2014**, is designated as “**Bike to Work Day**”.

This the 22nd day of April in 2014

Lydia E. Lavelle, Mayor