

Humboldt County Board of Supervisors **PROCLAMATION**

in honor of

Bike Month in Humboldt County

WHEREAS, bicycling is part of the solution for addressing transportation needs, such as increasing mobility for youth and other people who do not drive, providing low-cost transportation options, and increasing access and connectivity while reducing traffic congestion; and

WHEREAS, bicycle infrastructure takes up less land and costs less to build and maintain than automobile infrastructure. For instance, twelve bike spaces fit into one car parking space; and

WHEREAS, bicycling is an economic driver in areas with commuter or recreational bike facilities. Study after study shows that locally based retail sales go up with bicycle improvements, and that people spend more money overall at local businesses when they bike than when they drive; and

WHEREAS, bicycle travel helps improve air quality and can help us achieve the goals of the Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006, which requires Californians to reduce our greenhouse gas emissions by 80 percent by 2050; and

WHEREAS, bicycle commuting promotes physical activity, which leads to better fitness, lower health care costs, and improved mental health due to stress reduction. Employees who commute by bicycle on average have fewer sick days and higher productivity; and

WHEREAS, the County will celebrate the culmination of decades of collaboration, coordination, and public support for world-class trail building, with the completion of the Humboldt Bay Trail South, including an opening celebration on June 28, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors joins the Bike Month Humboldt Coalition in supporting Humboldt jurisdictions and communities in their efforts to advance and improve bicycling for all; and

WHEREAS, the month of May is National Bike Month, and May is also Clean Air Month.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors:

- I. Finds increasing bicycle use is in the local, state, national and global interest; and
- II. Proclaims May 2025 as BIKE MONTH HUMBOLDT; and
- III. Encourages governments countywide to adopt similar proclamations supporting Bike Month; and
- IV. Urges residents and visitors to participate in Bike Month events and other activities that contribute to the health and vitality of the community and the environment.



May 6, 2025

Michelle Bushnell, Chair