

PROCLAMATION

NATIONAL BIKE MONTH

WHEREAS, May is National Bike Month, sponsored by the League of American Bicyclists and celebrated in communities from coast to coast; and

WHEREAS, National Bike Month was established in 1956 and is a chance to showcase the many benefits of bicycling — and encourage more folks to giving biking a try; and

WHEREAS, May 15-19, 2017 is “Bike to Work Week” and May 19, 2017 is “Bike to Work Day”; and

WHEREAS, whether you bike to work or school, ride to save money or time, pump those pedals to preserve your health or the environment, or simply to explore your community, National Bike Month is an opportunity to celebrate the unique power of the bicycle and the many reasons we ride; and

WHEREAS, as a national sponsor, the League of American Bicyclists provides resources to help you plan an event in your area, and each year the number and diversity of Bike Month celebrations continues to grow, accelerating the momentum around bicycling nationwide; and

WHEREAS, Andy Clarke President of the League states that biking to work is an efficient and fun way to get the exercise you need without having to find extra time to work out and that with gasoline prices as high as they are, biking to work makes more sense than ever.

WHEREAS, the following tips will help you enjoy biking more:

- Have your bike checked over by a qualified bicycling shop
- Always wear a helmet to protect your head in the event of a crash
- Ride in the right-most lane that goes in the direction that you are traveling
- Obey all stop signs, traffic lights and lane markings
- Look before you change lanes or signal a turn, indicate your intention and then act
- Be visible and predictable at all times, wear bright clothing, and signal turns

WHEREAS, residents are invited to ride with the Melon City Bike Club and can visit their website at <http://www.meloncitybikeclub.com>.

THEREFORE, I, Diana Broderson, Mayor of the City of Muscatine, in recognition of National Bike Month urge everyone to bike to work or try cycling for fun, fitness or transportation.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Muscatine to be affixed this 4th day of May, 2017.

Diana Broderson, Mayor