

*City of Grand Junction, State of Colorado*

# Proclamation

**Whereas,** Colorado is a premiere bicycling state and Grand Junction offers some of the most diverse bicycling opportunities; and

**Whereas,** May has been designated as Grand Valley Bike Month to celebrate bicycling for transportation, fun and health; joining a nationwide effort to encourage cycling novices and enthusiasts to experience the fun and freedom of safely riding a bike to work, school, and for errands and recreation; and

**Whereas,** the bicycle is a viable and environmentally sound form of transportation. Studies have shown that biking to work is associated with a lower risk of cardiovascular disease, cancer, diabetes and all other causes of death; and

**Whereas,** the City of Grand Junction Urban Trails Committee is taking actions to improve safety for bicycle riders and pedestrians of all ages and abilities; and

**Whereas,** bicycling activities and attractions have a positive impact on Grand Junction's economy and tourism industry and stimulates economic development by making the area attractive to businesses and citizens who enjoy the out-of-doors and healthy lifestyles; and

**Whereas,** Grand Junction has been designated a Bicycle Friendly Community by the League of American Bicyclists and recognizes that bicycle-friendly communities improve citizens' health, well-being, and quality of life, boost community spirit, improve traffic safety, and reduce pollution and congestion, all of which contribute to Grand Junction "Becoming the Most Livable Community West of the Rockies"; and

**Whereas,** the Urban Trails Committee and Healthy Mesa County, along with other local organizations throughout Mesa County will be promoting bicycling as an environmentally-friendly and healthy alternative to the automobile with a number of activities during Bike Month and on Bike to Work and School Day.


**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Barbara Traylor Smith, by the power vested in me as Mayor of the City of Grand Junction, do hereby proclaim the month of May and Wednesday, May 8<sup>th</sup> as

***"Bike Month and Bike to Work and School Day"***

in the City of Grand Junction and call upon all citizens to participate by biking as an alternative form of transportation.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official Seal of the City of Grand Junction this 1<sup>st</sup> day of May, 2019.

  
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Mayor