# CITY OF WEST DES MOINES
# CITY COUNCIL MEETING COMMUNICATION

**DATE:** May 6, 2019

**ITEM:** Proclamation – Bike Month – May 2019

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:** None

**BACKGROUND:** The attached proclamation designates May 2019 as Bike Month. This proclamation is one way to demonstrate the City's commitment to bicycling. Events taking place in May include the Mayor's Bike Ride on May 18, 2019.

**OUTSTANDING ISSUES:** None.

**RECOMMENDATION:** That the Council approve the proclamation designating May 2019 as Bike Month in West Des Moines.

**Lead Staff Member:** David Sadler, Superintendent of Parks

**STAFF REVIEWS**

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| Department Director | Sally Ortgies, Director of Parks and Recreation |
| Appropriations/Finance | |
| Legal | |
| Agenda Acceptance | |

**PUBLICATION(S)** (if applicable)

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| Published In | N/A |
| Dates(s) Published | |

**SUBCOMMITTEE REVIEW** (if applicable)

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| Committee | N/A | | |
| Date Reviewed | | | |
| Recommendation | Yes | No | Split |

# PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS,** for more than a century, the bicycle has been an important part of the lives of most Americans; and

**WHEREAS,** today, millions of Americans engage in bicycling because it is a viable and environmentally-sound form of transportation, an excellent form of fitness and provides quality family recreation; and

**WHEREAS,** the education of cyclists and motorists as to the proper and safe operation of bicycles is important to ensure the safety and comfort of all users; and

**WHEREAS,** the City of West Des Moines, the League of American Bicyclists and independent cyclists throughout our community are promoting greater public awareness of bicycle operation and safety education in an effort to reduce accidents, injuries and fatalities for all; and

**WHEREAS,** the City of West Des Moines continues to promote bicycling through the planning and construction of trails and bicycle facilities.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Mayor of the City of West Des Moines, do hereby proclaim May 2019, as

**BIKE MONTH**

in the City of West Des Moines, and I, Mayor Steven K. Gaer urge all citizens to celebrate Bike Month and support efforts to promote bicycling in the community.

Dated this 6th day of May, 2019.

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Steven K. Gaer, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Ryan T. Jacobson, City Clerk