CITY OF WEST DES MOINES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING COMMUNICATION

DATE: May 4, 2020

ITEM: Proclamation – Bike Month – May 2020

FINANCIAL IMPACT: None

BACKGROUND: The attached proclamation designates May 2020 as Bike Month. This proclamation is one way to demonstrate the City's commitment to bicycling. Unfortunately, organized events planned to take place in May, like the Mayor's Bike Ride, have been cancelled due to Covid-19. However, bicycling while social distancing remains a popular activity.

OUTSTANDING ISSUES: None.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Council approve the proclamation designating May 2020 as Bike Month in West Des Moines.

Lead Staff Member: David Sadler, Superintendent of Parks

STAFF REVIEWS

Department Director	Sally Ortgies, Director of Parks and Recreation S.O.
Appropriations/Finance	
Legal	
Agenda Acceptance	

PUBLICATION(S) (if applicable)

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SUBCOMMITTEE REVIEW (if applicable)

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 2020, 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 4th day of May, 2020.

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Steven K. Gaer, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Ryan T. Jacobson, City Clerk