



Proclamation

of the
**Humboldt County Association of Governments
Board of Directors**

Recognizing May 2023 as Humboldt Bike Month

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 Humboldt County Association of Governments supports bicycle and pedestrian planning as a regional transportation priority, and has adopted Safe and Sustainable Transportation Targets to double the number of all trips made by walking, bicycling and transit; and

WHEREAS, HCAOG supports member jurisdictions in their efforts to further regional bicycle infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, the month of May is “National Bike Month” which promotes the bicycle as a means of transportation and recreation and May is also “Clean Air Month” which promotes air quality.

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

- I. Finds increasing bicycle use is in the local, state, national and global interest; and
- II. Proclaims May 2023 as HUMBOLDT BIKE MONTH; and
- III. Encourages member jurisdictions to adopt similar proclamations supporting Bike Month; and
- IV. Urges citizens to participate in these and other activities that contribute to the health and vitality of the community and the environment.

Attest:

Beth Burks, HCAOG Executive Director

Mayor Mike Johnson, Chair