



SMALL TOWN, BIG BEACH

**TO:** Mayor Craft & Members of the City Council  
**FROM:** Andy Bauer, Zoning Administrator  
**SUBJECT:** **May 2020 National Bicycle Month Proclamation**  
**DATE:** May 11, 2020

**ISSUE:** Proclaim May as National Bicycle Month

**RECOMMENDATION:** Staff recommends the City Council approve the proclamation.

**BACKGROUND:** National Bike Month sponsored by the League of American Bicyclists and celebrated in communities from coast to coast. Established in 1956, National Bike Month is a chance to showcase the many benefits of bicycling — and encourage more folks to give biking a try.

Gulf Shores was designated a Bronze Level Bicycle Friendly Community by the League of American Bicyclists in 2018.

The 2020 May National Bike Month will necessarily be different due to the unprecedented circumstances presented by the Covid-19 virus. In association with the League of American Bicyclists, Gulf Shores will focus on well-being and connection, and how bikes provide physical and mental health benefits. The current uncertainty reminds us that bikes are an enduring tool for resiliency: as both an essential means of transportation for folks who can't work from home and as an essential exercise in self-care and respite. We can rely on bikes to move us—physically and emotionally.

The City and League of American Bicyclists have rescheduled the following Bike Month events:

- Bike to Work Week - September 21-27, 2020
- Bike to Work Day - Tuesday, September 22, 2020
- Bike to School Day – A future date to be determined

**ATTACHMENTS:** Proclamation