

**CITY OF MERCED**  
**Development Services**

TO: Bicycle Advisory Commission  
FROM: Bill King, Principal Planner  
DATE: April 26, 2016  
SUBJECT: Bike Month Proclamation

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**ACTION REQUIRED:**

Select a Bicycle Advisory Commission (BAC) representative to assist with the presentation of the "Bike to Work" and "Bike to School" Proclamation that is scheduled to be read at the Monday, May 2, 2016, City Council meeting.

**BACKGROUND**

Each May, the Mayor of the City of Merced reads a proclamation at a regularly scheduled meeting of the City Council. It is customary for a member of the BAC to present this proclamation with the Mayor. This year's proclamation will occur on Monday, May 2, 2016.

Staff recommends that the Chairperson of the BAC be selected for this duty, though it could be performed by any member of the BAC.

**Attachment**

- A. Bike Month Proclamation

## 2016 Bike Month Proclamation

WHEREAS, for more than a century, the bicycle has been an important part of the lives of many Americans, and, today, millions of Americans engage in bicycling to commute to work or school; to achieve and maintain physical fitness; and to recreate with family and friends; and,

WHEREAS, the education of cyclists, pedestrians, and motorists as to the proper and safe interaction of traffic is important to ensure the safety and comfort of all roadway users; and,

WHEREAS, in 2009, the City established a *Bicycle Advisory Commission* to serve as an advisory body to improve conditions for bicyclists; to promote bicycling as a means of transportation; to improve safety conditions for bicyclists; and to help implement policy, programs, and bikeway infrastructure for all ages and users; and,

WHEREAS, the *Merced Bicycle Coalition* and independent cyclists throughout our City are promoting greater public awareness of bicycle operation and safety education in an effort to reduce accidents, injuries, and fatalities for all;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, STAN THURSTON, Mayor of the City of Merced, on behalf of the City Council, and the City of Merced Bicycle Advisory Commission, do hereby proclaim the month of May 2016 as BIKE MONTH throughout the City, and further proclaim Thursday, May 5, 2016, as BIKE-TO-WORK DAY and BIKE-TO-SCHOOL DAY, and urge all Citizens of Merced to recognize the importance of bicycling for transportation and recreation, and urge everyone to be more aware of cyclists using our public streets.

DATED: May 2, 2016

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MAYOR

ATTACHMENT A