

CITY OF MERCED
Development Services

TO: Bicycle Advisory Commission
FROM: Bill King, Principal Planner
DATE: April 28, 2015
SUBJECT: "Bike to Work" and "Bike to School" Proclamation

ACTION REQUIRED:

Select a Bicycle Advisory Commission (BAC) representative to assist with the presentation of the "Bike to Work" and "Bike to School" Proclamation at the Monday, May 4, 2015, 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 4, 2015. This year, Bike-to-Work Day and Bike-to-School Day are on Thursday, May 7, 2015.

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

Attachment

1. Proclamation

2015 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 2015 as BIKE MONTH throughout the City and further proclaim Thursday, May 7, 2015, as BIKE-TO-SCHOOL DAY and BIKE-TO-WORK DAY, and urge all the 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 4, 2015

MAYOR

ATTACHMENT 1