

The State of Washington



Proclamation

WHEREAS, the bicycle is a viable and environmentally sound form of transportation and an excellent tool for recreation; and

WHEREAS, throughout the month of May, millions of Washingtonians will experience the joys of bicycling through educational programs, races, commuting events, trail work days, helmet promotion, charity events, or just getting out and going for a ride; and

WHEREAS, Washington's road and trail system attracts hundreds of thousands of bicyclists each year, providing economic, health, and scenic benefits; and

WHEREAS, creating bicycle-friendly communities has been shown to improve citizens' health, well-being, and quality of life – boosting community spirit, improving traffic safety, and reducing pollution and congestion; and

WHEREAS, the League of American Bicyclists, the Bicycle Alliance of Washington, Cascade Bicycle Club, local bicycle clubs, schools, cities, parks and recreation departments, police departments, hospitals, companies and civic groups throughout Washington will be promoting bicycling during the month of May 2011; and

WHEREAS, these groups are also promoting greater public awareness of bicycle operation and safety education in an effort to reduce accidents, injuries and fatalities; and

WHEREAS, the Washington State Department of Transportation, Washington State Department of Revenue and other state agencies and partners will organize the Fifth Annual Interagency Bicycle Ride held in Olympia on May 20, 2011;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Christine O. Gregoire, Governor of the state of Washington, do hereby proclaim May 2011 as

Bike Month

in Washington State, and I urge all citizens to join me in this special observance

Signed this 3rd day of May, 2011

Christine O. Gregoire
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