



CITY OF SEBASTOPOL PROCLAMATION

May 2025 as Bike Month and May 15, 2025 as Bike to Work Day

Whereas, the bicycle is a healthy, convenient, financially and environmentally sound form of transportation and an excellent tool for recreation and enjoyment of the City of Sebastopol's scenic beauty, local attractions, and friendly neighborhoods; and

Whereas, Sonoma County's roads and trails attract bicyclists each year, providing economic health, transportation, tourism, and scenic benefits; and

Whereas, creating a bicycling-friendly community has been shown to improve citizens' health, well-being, and quality of life, growing the economy of the City and County, attracting tourism dollars, improving traffic safety, supporting student health and learning, and reducing pollution, congestion, and wear and tear on our streets and roads; and

Whereas, since 2001 the Sonoma County Bicycle Coalition has been promoting bicycling for transportation and recreation through education, encouragement and advocacy; and

Whereas, thousands of local schoolchildren have received classroom instruction in bicycle and pedestrian safety and participated in skill-building Bike Rodeos facilitated by the Sonoma County Bicycle Coalition's Safe Routes to School program; and

Whereas, the Sonoma County Bicycle Coalition, the League of American Bicyclists, the Metropolitan Transportation Commission, and jurisdictions throughout the Bay Area will be promoting bicycling during the month of May 2025; and

Whereas, throughout the month of May, the residents of Sebastopol and its visitors can experience the joys of bicycling through free educational programs, challenges, and events, organized by these groups; and

Whereas, these groups are also promoting greater public awareness of bicycle operation and safety education in an effort to reduce collisions, injuries, and fatalities and improve health and safety for everyone on the road;

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that I, Mayor Stephen Zollman, do hereby recognize the Sonoma County Bicycle Coalition and commend the institution for its contributions to the community, and

Now, Therefore, Be It Further Resolved, I, Mayor Stephen Zollman, do hereby proclaim May 2025 as Bike Month and May 15, 2025 as Bike to Work Day in Sebastopol, and urge all residents to participate in this special observance.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and the Great Seal of the City of Sebastopol this 6th day of May 2025.

Stephen Zollman
Mayor