

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS: The ability to bike safely plays an important role in the lives of many Jacksonville residents, not only as a viable and environmentally sound form of transportation, but also as a popular form of recreation and exercise for people of all ages, as well as for the entire family; and

WHEREAS: The City of Jacksonville has adopted goals, policies, and programs to develop and support the integration of a variety of transportation options, including cycling; and encourages the use of bicycles as a safe mode of transportation on Jacksonville's roadways; and

WHEREAS: Cycling can help citizens to develop and maintain active healthy lifestyles, and is a simple method for reducing both health care costs and traffic congestion while also improving air quality; and,

WHEREAS: Improving the safety of pedestrians and bicyclists is a critical priority for the City of Jacksonville, in an effort to reduce the number of fatalities and serious injuries on our roadways; and

WHEREAS: This year, the City of Jacksonville joined USDOT's Mayor's Challenge Initiative, which over the next year will promote activities to make our city's streets safe for all users, through efforts such as gathering and tracking walking and biking data, creating complete networks for biking and walking, improving laws and regulations related to biking and walking, and educating and enforcing proper road usage by all users; and

WHEREAS: In recognition of the month of May as National Bike Safety Month and National Bike to Work Month, the City of Jacksonville, the Bike and Pedestrian Advisory Committee, the North Florida Bicycle Club, the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office, along with several local bike shop owners and other concerned citizens, are collaborating to celebrate Jacksonville's Bike to Work Day, organizing rides throughout the greater Jacksonville area.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ALVIN BROWN, by virtue of the authority vested in me as mayor of Jacksonville, Florida, do hereby proclaim May 2015 as

JACKSONVILLE BIKE MONTH

and hereby designate May 15, 2015 as

JACKSONVILLE BIKE TO WORK DAY

in Jacksonville and encourage all citizens to support this day by safely cycling or walking to work, and to urge drivers to share the road.



In witness thereof, this 1st day of May in the year two thousand and fifteen



Mayor