

Proclamation Designating National Bike Month

WHEREAS, the Village of River Forest Biking Task Force developed the Bicycle Plan incorporating recommendations from the Comprehensive Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Plan utilizes bicycle crash data, survey responses, and community and Task Force input to map preferred routes for bike lanes, marked shared lanes, and signed posted route; and

WHEREAS, the Plan connects bicyclists to trails and major destinations and promotes bicycle safety; and

WHEREAS, the Village of River Forest adopted its first Bicycle Plan on July 22, 2019; and

WHEREAS, the Village of River Forest began implementing the Plan in April of 2021; and

WHEREAS, the bicycle is an economical, healthy, convenient, and environmentally sound method of transportation and an excellent tool for recreation and enjoyment of River Forest's, beauty; and

WHEREAS, creating a bicycling-friendly community has been shown to improve the health, well-being, and quality of life of residents, to boost community spirit, to improve traffic safety, and to reduce pollution and congestion, and to contribute to the growing economy of the community; and

WHEREAS, the River Forest community attracts bicyclists each year, and the implementation of the Bicycle Plan will offer economic, health, transportation, and scenic benefits to the community.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CATHERINE ADDUCI, VILLAGE PRESIDENT OF THE VILLAGE OF RIVER FOREST, do hereby proclaim the month of May to be National Bike Month in the Village of River Forest, Illinois, and I strongly encourage our community members who are able to celebrate with a bicycle ride!

IN WITNESS, THEREOF, I have hereto set my hand officially and caused to be affixed the seal of the Village of River Forest, this 10^{th} day of May.

Catherine M. Adduci Village President