



*Town of Mansfield
Proclamation Recognizing National Bike Month 2015*

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

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

WHEREAS, Connecticut and Mansfield's road and trail systems attracts many bicyclists each year, providing economic, health, and scenic benefits to citizens of Connecticut and Mansfield; and

WHEREAS, these bicycling activities and attractions have great potential to have a positive impact on the local and regional economy and tourism industry and to stimulate economic development by making the state and Town attractive to businesses and citizens who enjoy the out of doors and healthy lifestyles; and

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

WHEREAS, May has been declared National Bike Month for each of the last 54 years, and is so again in 2015; and

WHEREAS, the League of American Bicyclists, Bike Walk Connecticut, bicycle clubs, schools, parks and recreation departments, police departments, hospitals, companies and civic groups throughout Connecticut will be promoting bicycling as a leisure activity as well as an environmentally-friendly alternative to the automobile during the month of May 2015; and

WHEREAS, the education of bicyclists and motorists as to the proper and safe operation of bicycles is important to ensure the safety and comfort of all users; and

WHEREAS, Bike Walk Connecticut, Bike Mansfield and other organizations across the state will promote bicycle safety during the month of May 2015; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Mansfield annually holds the John E. Jackman Tour de Mansfield bike tour which event shall be held this year on the 20th of June:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the members of the Mansfield Town Council concurring therein, hereby recognize the month of May 2015 as National Bike Month and Bicycle Safety Month, and the week of May 11-15, 2015, as Bike to Work Week; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council urges all who support bicycling to participate in the events planned and urges all road users to share the road safely with bicyclists.

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