



# *Proclamation*

of the  
**Humboldt County Association of Governments  
Board of Directors**

## **Recognizing May 2025 as Bike Month Humboldt**

**WHEREAS**, bicycling is part of the solution for addressing transportation needs, such as increasing mobility for youth and other people who do not drive, providing low-cost transportation options, and increasing access and connectivity while reducing traffic congestion; and

**WHEREAS**, bicycle infrastructure takes up less land and costs less to build and maintain than automobile infrastructure. For instance, twelve bike spaces fit into one car parking space; and

**WHEREAS**, bicycling is an economic driver in areas with commuter or recreational bike facilities. Study after study shows that locally based retail sales go up with bicycle improvements, and that people spend more money overall at local businesses when they bike than when they drive; and

**WHEREAS**, bicycle travel helps improve air quality and can help us achieve the goals of the Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006, which requires Californians to reduce our greenhouse gas emissions by 80 percent by 2050; and

**WHEREAS**, bicycle commuting promotes physical activity, which leads to better fitness, lower health care costs, and improved mental health due to stress reduction. Employees who commute by bicycle on average have fewer sick days and higher productivity; and

**WHEREAS**, HCAOG supports bicycle and pedestrian planning as a regional transportation priority, and has adopted Safe and Sustainable Transportation Targets to double the number of all trips made by walking, bicycling and transit; and

**WHEREAS**, HCAOG joins the Bike Month Humboldt Coalition in supporting Humboldt jurisdictions and communities in their efforts to advance and improve bicycling for all; and

**WHEREAS**, the month of May is National Bike Month, and May is also Clean Air Month;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of the Humboldt County Association of Governments:

- I. Finds increasing bicycle use is in the local, state, national and global interest; and
- II. Proclaims May 2025 as BIKE MONTH HUMBOLDT; and
- III. Encourages member jurisdictions to adopt similar proclamations supporting Bike Month; and
- IV. Urges residents and visitors to participate in Bike Month events and other activities that contribute to the health and vitality of the community and the environment.

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Debbie Egger, Interim Executive Director

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Mike Johnson, Board Chair