



County of Sonoma

State of California

Date: May 16, 2023

Item Number: _____

Resolution Number: _____

☐ 4/5 Vote Required

**Resolution Of The Board Of Supervisors Of The County Of Sonoma, State Of California,
Proclaims May 2023 As Bike To Work Month And
May 18, 2023 As Bike To Work Day In Sonoma County**

Whereas, the bicycle is a healthy, convenient, financially and environmentally sound form of transportation and an excellent tool for recreation and enjoyment of Sonoma County'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 Sonoma 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 Sonoma County 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's Smart Cycling program has taught bicycle safety skills to thousands of adults, including a diversion program for recipients of cycling-related traffic citations; and

Whereas, the Sonoma County Bicycle Coalition has produced numerous events and activities encouraging residents to ride a bicycle, including Bike Expos, Ciclovías, bike film nights, bike swap meets, community rides, giveaways of bicycles and bicycle safety equipment, repair clinics, and Bike to Work Month; 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 2023; and

Whereas, throughout the month of May, the residents of Sonoma County 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 the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors does hereby recognize Sonoma County Bicycle Coalition and commends the institution for its contributions to the community and proclaims May 2023 as Bike to Work Month and May 18, 2023 as Bike to Work Day in Sonoma County, and urge all residents to participate in this special observance.

Supervisors:

Gorin:

Rabbitt:

Coursey:

Gore:

Hopkins:

Ayes:

Noes:

Absent:

Abstain:

So Ordered.