

RESOLUTION NUMBER 24
National Bike Month

WHEREAS, May has been declared National Bike Month for the past 52 years; and

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

WHEREAS, thousands of St. Louisans will experience the joys of bicycling during the month of May through commuting, races, helmet promotions, educational programs, charity and recreational bicycle rides; and

WHEREAS, St Louis attracts thousands of bicyclists each year from all 50 states and from across the globe to attend the Tour of Missouri and Gateway Cup bicycle races, the Moonlight Ramble and numerous other organized rides and to enjoy trails and bikeways, providing a positive impact on the St. Louis economy and tourism industry; and

WHEREAS, creating bicycle friendly communities has been shown to improve citizen's health, well-being, and quality of life, to boost community spirit, to improve traffic safety, to reduce pollution and to attract and retain residents and businesses; and

WHEREAS, Bike St. Louis, Gateway Council - Hostelling International, Gateway Off-Road Cyclists, Great Rivers Greenway District, Missouri Bicycle Federation, Missouri Bicycle Racing Association, St. Louis Regional Bicycle Federation, and Trailnet, along with bicycle clubs, schools, health organizations, and local companies will be promoting bicycling as a leisure and environmentally-friendly alternative to the automobile during May 2008; and

WHEREAS, during the month, special events to recognize National Bike Month include Bicycle Appreciation Day, Y-Ride Bicycle Ride, Grand St Louis Tour, Bike to Work Day, Ride of Silence, Drive Your Bike Challenge, Tuesday Night Riverfront Trail Rides, and encouragement by Bike Mentors and Bike Pools; and

WHEREAS, the education of bicyclists and motorists as to the proper and safe operation of bicycles, motor vehicles, traffic laws, and rules of the road is important to ensure safety and comfort of all road users.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to recognize Friday, May 2, 2008 as Bicycle Appreciation Day and urges all that support bicycling to participate in the events and encourages all road users to share the road safely with bicyclists and we further direct the Clerk of this Board to spread a copy of this Resolution across the minutes of these proceedings and to prepare a commemorative copy to the end that it may be presented to our honoree at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

Introduced on the 2nd day of May, 2008 by:

Honorable Lewis E. Reed, President St. Louis City Board of Aldermen

Adopted this the 2nd day of May, 2008 as attested by:

David W. Sweeney
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

Lewis E. Reed
President, Board of Aldermen

