

WHEREAS, for more than a century, bicycling has been an important part of the lives of many Americans, and today, residents throughout our great community engage in bicycling for transportation, recreation, fitness, and fun; and

WHEREAS, bicycling is an efficient form of transportation and offers independent mobility for many Vienna residents traveling between work, school, and home; and

WHEREAS, the use of bicycles for transportation benefits all residents of Vienna as it eases traffic congestion, produces no air pollution, and lowers public funding of highway maintenance and construction; and

WHEREAS, bicycling is recognized as an activity that can delay the onset of chronic disease and childhood obesity; and

WHEREAS, consideration of bicycling in public planning, as in programs like Safe Routes to School, can help support healthier, more active communities in Virginia; and

WHEREAS, the Commonwealth, through the Virginia Department of Transportation's Safe Routes to School Program, has awarded more than \$25 million to 600 elementary and middle schools for projects and programs to encourage students to bicycle and walk to school; and

WHEREAS, bicycling offers a unique perspective from which residents and visitors may discover Virginia's natural beauty, history, and culture, and a vast network of scenic rural roads and pleasant weather conditions make the Old Dominion a favorite tourist destination for bicycling enthusiasts; and

WHEREAS, Bike Month provides an opportunity to increase public awareness of the many benefits of bicycling, promote bicycle safety, and encourage bike riding through organized activities such as Bike-to-Work events, Bike-to-School events, community rides, family rides, and bike rodeos for children;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Laurie A. DiRocco, Mayor of the Town of Vienna, and on behalf of the entire Town Council, proclaim May 2019 as:

BICYCLE AWARENESS MONTH

In the Town of Vienna and urge and encourage residents to participate in events supporting bicycles.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Corporate Seal of the Town of Vienna to be affixed hereto this 13th Day of May, 2019.

Laurie A. DiRocco
Mayor

ATTEST:

Melanie J. Clark, CMC
Town Clerk