

Office of the Mayor
Fairbanks North Star Borough
Alaska
Proclamation

WHEREAS, for more than a century, the bicycle has been an important part of the lives of most Americans; and

WHEREAS, bicycling is encouraged because it benefits all citizens by improving air quality, reducing traffic congestion and noise, decreasing the use of and dependence upon finite energy sources, and promoting healthy, fun and low-impact exercise for all ages; and

WHEREAS, according to the 2016 Benchmark Report from the Alliance for Biking and Walking, Alaska ranks sixth in the nation for percentage of adults who bike to work; and

WHEREAS, each year, the national nonprofit League of America Bicyclists declares May as National Bike Month and helps organize Bike to Work events; and

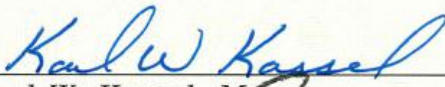
WHEREAS, in Fairbanks, AK., bicyclists represent 2.4% of the commuter traffic compared to the national average of 0.5% stated by the American Community Survey.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Karl W. Kassel, Mayor of the Fairbanks North Star Borough, and I, Jim Matherly, Mayor of the City of Fairbanks, and I, Bryce Ward, Mayor of the City of North Pole, Alaska, by the authority vested in us, do hereby proclaim:

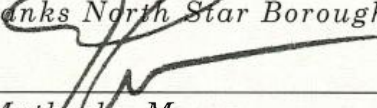
<i>May, 2017</i> <i>as</i> <i>National Bike Month</i>	<i>May 15-19, 2017</i> <i>as</i> <i>Bike to Work Week</i>	<i>May 19, 2017</i> <i>as</i> <i>Bike to Work Day</i>
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throughout the community and encourage all citizens to recognize the importance of sharing our streets and highways with cyclists and encourage citizens to participate in cycling activities to whatever extent possible during this week, including cycling to work.


IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands this the 1st day of May 2017.



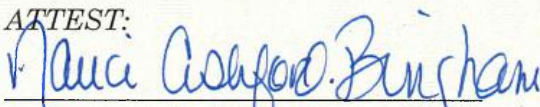
 Karl W. Kassel, Mayor
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 City of Fairbanks



 Bryce Ward, Mayor
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ATTEST:


 Nanci Ashford-Bingham, MMC
 Borough Clerk

