

Proclamation

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

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

WHEREAS, Chapel Hill promotes physical activity through both design and programming, and

WHEREAS, a lack of physical activity plays a leading role in rising rates of obesity, diabetes and other health problems among children and adults and being able to bicycle to work or school offers an opportunity to build activity into daily routine, and

WHEREAS, driving by private vehicle contributes to traffic congestion and air pollution, and

WHEREAS, guided by our town-wide Mobility & Connectivity Plan and commitment to Vision Zero strategies, Chapel Hill is working to provide everyone with opportunities to safely bicycle in our community by creating more safe, accessible and connected bike lanes and greenways throughout town; and

WHEREAS, to further support bicycles as a means of transportation to destinations throughout our community, buses in the Chapel Hill Transit system are equipped with easy-to-load bicycle racks and the Town is working to expand resources throughout town – including bike parking, fix-it stations, and air pumps – so that people can easily bike, walk and roll; and

WHEREAS, the education of cyclists and motorists as to the proper and safe operation of bicycles is important to ensure the safety and comfort of all users; and

WHEREAS, children, parents and community leaders around the world are joining together to bike to work, for recreation and for exercise, and

WHEREAS, Chapel Hill has a designation as a National Bike Friendly Community and is home to an active bicycling community.

NOW, THEREFORE, we, the Chapel Hill Town Council, do hereby proclaim May, 2023, as

Bike Month

in the Town of Chapel Hill and encourage all citizens to leave their cars at home and use their bicycles this month and every month.



GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND THE SEAL OF THE TOWN ON
THIS THE TWENTY-SIXTH DAY OF APRIL, TWO THOUSAND
AND TWENTY THREE.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read "Pam Hanna".