

PROCLAMATION



City and County of Denver
Proclamation CP12-0499

Designating June “Bike Month,” the Week of June 25th through June 29th “Bike Week” and June 27th “Bike to Work Day” in Denver

WHEREAS, the City and County of Denver has partnered with the Denver Regional Council of Governments, local bicycling organizations, and cycling enthusiasts to plan activities and events intended to promote awareness of the benefits of bicycling; and

WHEREAS, Bike to Work Day is an annual event designed to encourage people to ride their bicycles for transportation on a consistent basis to reduce congestion, improve air quality and benefit public health; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Works hosts the Civic Center Park breakfast station where cyclists celebrate their commute to work with free snacks, raffle prizes, music, and educational outreach offered by bicycling organizations; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Works continues working steadily toward developing a comprehensive and connected network in Denver to accommodate bicyclists through bike lanes, sharrows or “shared lane arrows,” and signed bike routes; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Works has doubled the amount of bike lanes and sharrows in the City since 2008, adding approximately 20 miles of bike lanes and sharrows per year, and has seen a 38 percent increase in bicycle commuting; and

WHEREAS, the City and County of Denver has set a goal through its Denver Moves plan that, by 2020, 15 percent of residents regularly commute by either walking or biking; and

WHEREAS, Public Works is making these healthy options easy for Denverites by building out a biking and walking network where every household is within a quarter mile (5-minute walk or 2-minute bicycle ride) of this world-class future system; and

WHEREAS, the Denver City Council wishes to encourage all residents and employees to participate in Bike to Work Day and utilize Denver’s bicycle network for transportation and recreational trips whenever possible.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF DENVER:

Section 1. That the Council designates June “Bike Month”, the week June 25th through June 29th, 2012, as “Bike Week” and June 27th “Bike to Work Day”.

Section 2. That the Clerk of the City and County of Denver shall attest and affix the seal of the City and County of Denver to this proclamation, and that a copy hereof be forwarded to the Manager of Public Works.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL June 25, 2012

PRESIDENT