

# PROCLAMATION



City and County of Denver

## Proclamation 17-0731

### Designating the week of June 26 through June 30 as “Bike Week” and Wednesday, June 28, as “Bike to Work Day” in Denver

**WHEREAS**, the City and County of Denver partners with the Denver Regional Council of Governments, local bicycling organizations, and cycling enthusiasts each year 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, one of the largest in the region, where cyclists celebrate their commute to work with free snacks, raffle prizes, music, and educational outreach offered by organizations in the region; and

**WHEREAS**, the Department of Public Works is a major contributor in the planning and implementation of Denver’s bicycle network, implementing at least 15 miles of new bikeways annually and – this year – installing protected bikeways on 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue, 19<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 14<sup>th</sup> Street; and whose neighborhood bikeways along Knox Court and West 35<sup>th</sup> Street will be the first in the city; and whose plans to install additional bike infrastructure and to upgrade existing bike infrastructure are contributing to Denver’s designation as a top bicycling city; and

**WHEREAS**, the Department of Public Works continues to build out the city’s bicycle network to provide people with convenient and connected access, with the goal of ensuring every household is within a two-minute bike ride, or one-quarter of a mile, of a comfortable and low stress facility; and

**WHEREAS**, Denver is supporting bicycling in other new and creative ways, including on-street bike corrals, bike repair stations, and bike sharing near places where people gather, with the goal of supporting local businesses and making bike riding an attractive way to get around for more of Denver’s residents; and

**WHEREAS**, bicycle and pedestrian safety continues to be a top priority for the Denver City Council of the City and County of Denver, which is supporting funding for additional and expedited multimodal improvements that will increase bicycling in our city.

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

**Section 1.** That the Council designates the week June 26 through June 30, 2017, as “Bike Week” and June 28 as “Bike to Work Day” and encourages citizens to stay safe this summer, no matter what your mode of travel.

**Section 2.** That the Clerk of the City and County of Denver shall 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 26, 2017

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PRESIDENT