

# PROCLAMATION



City and County of Denver  
Proclamation CP14-0527

Designating the week of June 23 through June 27 as "Bike Week"  
and Wednesday, June 25, 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 bicycling; and

**WHEREAS**, Bike to Work Day is an annual event designed to encourage people to ride bicycles for transportation consistently 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 bicycling organizations; and

**WHEREAS**, registration for Bike to Work Day by staff of the City and County of Denver has more than doubled from 2013, with 400 registrants and growing for the 2014 event; and

**WHEREAS**, the Department of Public Works is a major contributor in the planning and implementation of Denver's bicycle infrastructure; adding at least 15 miles of new bikeways annually and, this year, installing Denver's first protected bikeway on 15<sup>th</sup> Street downtown, with vertical separation between bikes and cars; DPW's plans to install more protected bike lanes are contributing to Denver's rank as a top bicycling city and its inclusion in the national People for Bikes Green Lane project; and

**WHEREAS**, the city now has more than 140 miles of on-street bike lanes and sharrows and more than 100 miles of off-street trails offering recreational opportunity along scenic routes, and is in the midst of closing a major missing link in Denver's bike network with the new pedestrian and bike bridge across I-25 to the Colorado Center and light rail station; and

**WHEREAS**, Denver is supporting bicycling in other new and creative ways, testing, for the first time this year, the viability of on-street bike corrals and bike sharing stations where people gather, with the goal of supporting local businesses and making bike riding more attractive for Denver's residents; and

**WHEREAS**, bicycle and pedestrian safety and infrastructure 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 23 through June 27, 2014, as "Bike Week" and June 25 as "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 23, 2014

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PRESIDENT