

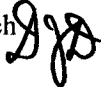


# City of Bowie

2614 Kenhill Drive  
Bowie, Maryland 20715

## MEMORANDUM

**To:** City Council

**From:** David J. Deutsch   
City Manager

**Subject:** Proclamation #P-5-09  
National Bicycle Month

**Date:** April 30, 2009

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The City was designated as a "Bicycle Friendly Community" by the League of American Bicyclists, and has also been recognized as a "Trail Town USA". Furthermore, in 2002, the City Council adopted a City-wide Trails Master Plan as an ongoing effort to improve the trail system in and around Bowie. The City has also been the recipient of several grants for the purpose of expanding the City's trail network and eliminating missing links in the trail system. The City continues to implement recommendations of the Trails Master Plan with the construction and designation of off-road and on-road trails, study the feasibility of additional trail segments and placing funds in the CIP for improvements to the City's trail system.

The purpose in proclaiming May as National Bicycle Month is to encourage residents to bicycle and to use the City trail network on a daily basis for recreational and, when possible, personal trips and trips to their school or place of employment.

### Recommendation

Recognizing the designations and grants the City has received and the commitment on the parts of local citizens, staff and the Council to expand, improve and maintain the trail system throughout the City, it is recommended that the Council declare the month of May as "National Bicycle Month" in Bowie by adopting Proclamation #P-5-09, which is attached.

Attachment

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**PROCLAMATION**  
**OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BOWIE, MARYLAND**  
**PROCLAIMING THE MONTH OF MAY, 2009 AS**  
**NATIONAL BICYCLE MONTH**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Bowie has been an advocate of and active participant in developing and maintaining a City-wide system of bicycle trails; and,

**WHEREAS**, the City of Bowie has been designated by American Hiker magazine as one of the top "Trail Towns" in the nation because of its extensive trail system; and,

**WHEREAS**, in May 2002, the City Council adopted a City-wide Trails Master Plan, with the goal of maintaining, expanding and enhancing the City's trail network; and,

**WHEREAS**, the City continues to work with local residents, biking enthusiasts and organizations and County and State officials to improve the City's trail system; and,

**WHEREAS**, the City is represented on the Prince George's County Bicycle and Trails Advisory Group (BTAG), whose goal is to promote expansion of the trail network throughout the County; and,

**WHEREAS**, the City has been represented for the past several years at the annual Bicycle and Pedestrian Symposium in Annapolis, where the biking and trails community interact with legislators to support legislation for trails funding; and,

**WHEREAS**, this year the City of Bowie is a designated pit stop on Bike to Work Day, Friday, May 15th; and,

**WHEREAS**, the City of Bowie is fortunate to have the American Discovery Trail, a transcontinental hiker/biker trail, and the East Coast Greenway, a north-south national trail, traverse through our community.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED** that the Council of the City of Bowie, Maryland hereby proclaims the month of May 2009 National Bicycle Month in Bowie, Maryland and encourages Bowie and area residents to take advantage of the many miles of trails that exist in and around our City.

**INTRODUCED AND PASSED** by the Council of the City of Bowie, Maryland at a Regular Meeting on the Fourth Day of May, 2009.

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Bowie City Council  
G. Frederick Robinson, Mayor

Attest:

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Pamela A. Fleming, City Clerk