



City of Bowie

2614 Kenhill Drive
Bowie, Maryland 20715

MEMORANDUM

To: City Council

From: David J. Deutsch
City Manager

Subject: Proclamation #P-9-10
National Bike Month

Date: April 15, 2010

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 and to establish an on-road bike route network. 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 trails and on-road bike routes, studying the feasibility of additional trail segments and placing funds in the CIP for improvements to the City's trail system. Lastly, again this year, the City will have two (2) pit stops (outside the Food Court at the Bowie Town Center and at the Old Town Bowie Fire Station) for the region-wide Bike to Work Day, Friday, May 21st.

The purpose in proclaiming May as National Bike 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 and bike route system throughout the City, it is recommended that the Council declare the month of May as "National Bike Month" in Bowie by adopting Proclamation #P-9-10, which is attached.

Attachment

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PROCLAMATION
OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BOWIE, MARYLAND
PROCLAIMING THE MONTH OF MAY, 2010 AS
NATIONAL BIKE MONTH

WHEREAS, the City of Bowie has been an advocate of and active participant in developing and maintaining a City-wide system of on-road bike routes and off-road hiker-biker 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 and bike route 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 and bike route 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 and bike 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 again has two designated pit stops on Bike to Work Day, Friday, May 21st; 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 2010 National Bike Month in Bowie, Maryland and encourages Bowie and area residents to take advantage of the many miles of trails bike routes 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 Nineteenth Day of April, 2010.

Bowie City Council
G. Frederick Robinson, Mayor

Attest:

Pamela A. Fleming, City Clerk