

PROCLAMATION

*Designating the Month of May 2021 as **Bike Month** in the City of Merriam, Kansas*

WHEREAS, Bike Month was established as a national celebration in 1956 and is supported by the League of American Bicyclists; and

WHEREAS, the designation is meant to showcase the many benefits of bicycling and encourage more people to give biking a try; and

WHEREAS, May is also the time of year for people to celebrate Bike to Work Week from May 17 to May 23, 2021 as well as Bike to Work Day on May 21, 2021; and

WHEREAS, bicycling offers an opportunity to invest in more equitable access to key resources for communities and households without a car; and

WHEREAS, investing in connected and protected bike lanes and related facilities can be beneficial for local businesses; and

WHEREAS, bicycling has not only been shown to be an effective form of physically-distant active transportation during the COVID-19 pandemic, but also as a means of improving mental health; and

WHEREAS, greater support for biking policies, plans, and projects will be an integral part of addressing climate change.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ken Sissom, by the virtue of the authority vested in me as the Mayor of Merriam, Kansas, do hereby proclaim the month of May 2021 as

“Bike Month”

in the City of Merriam, Proclaimed this 12th day of April, 2021.



Ken Sissom, Mayor

ATTEST:



Juliana Pinnick, City Clerk