

## *Proclamation*

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

**Whereas**, the designation of Bike Month 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

**Now, therefore**, I, Carl Gerlach, Mayor of the City of Overland Park, Kansas, do hereby proclaim the week of May 17 through May 23, 2021 as

### ***NATIONAL BIKE TO WORK WEEK***

and further proclaim the month of May as

### ***BIKE MONTH***

in Overland Park, and I call upon all residents and civic organizations to recognize and support the economical, health, and environmental benefits of bicycling.

Done this 12th day of May, 2021.



Carl Gerlach, Mayor