



City of Bellevue | Proclamation

Whereas: In Washington state, hundreds of thousands of people travel by bicycle for transportation and recreational purposes, providing economic, health and environmental benefits; and

Whereas: Creating bicycle-friendly communities has been shown to improve citizens' health, well-being, and quality of life – boosting community spirit, improving traffic safety, and reducing pollution and congestion; and

Whereas: The League of American Bicyclists, Washington Bikes, Cascade Bicycle Club, schools, cities, companies, and civic groups throughout the state will promote bicycling during the month of May 2019; and

Whereas: These groups are also encouraging greater public awareness of bicycle operation and safety education in an effort to reduce collisions, injuries, and fatalities; and

Whereas: The City of Bellevue opened about eight miles of new bike lanes in 2018, including the Downtown Bikeway on 108th Avenue NE, and has 13 miles of new and upgraded bike lanes planned in 2019; and

Whereas: The City has permitted the introduction of bike share Citywide and will be hosting Choose Your Way Bellevue welcome stations during Bike Everywhere Day on May 17.

Now, therefore, I, John Chelminiak, Mayor of the City of Bellevue, Washington, and on behalf of its City Council, do hereby proclaim **May 2019** as:

BIKE EVERYWHERE MONTH

in Bellevue and urge all citizens to join me in this special observance.

John Chelminiak, Mayor
City of Bellevue