

**CITY OF HOMER
HOMER, ALASKA**

MAYOR'S PROCLAMATION

**BIKE MONTH
May 2013**

WHEREAS, For more than a century the bicycle has been an utilitarian, economical, environmentally sound and effective means of personal transportation, recreation and fitness; and

WHEREAS, The United States Census Bureau's American Community Survey shows that Alaska ranks sixth in the nation in the proportion of adults who bike to work; and

WHEREAS, Many Homer residents enjoy riding bicycles, especially during the spring and summer months, and Homer is blessed with unique riding trails and landscapes suited for bicyclists of all levels; and

WHEREAS, The City of Homer, Alaska recognizes the bicycle as a legitimate roadway vehicle and therefore is entitled to legal and responsible use of all public roadway facilities in Alaska except highways constructed to interstate standards; and

WHEREAS, The bicycle is an affordable and viable form of transportation as well as an excellent form of health and fitness; and

WHEREAS, Both bicyclists and motorists should always be careful and conscientious of their surroundings. Bicycling does not require additional infrastructure or maintenance if we "share the road;" and

WHEREAS, The City of Homer, Alaska encourages the increased use of the bicycle, benefiting all citizens of Homer by improving air quality, reducing traffic congestion and noise, decreasing the use of and dependence upon finite energy sources, and fostering exercise; and

WHEREAS, During the month of May, Homer Cycling Club along with, schools, parks and recreation departments, police departments, hospitals, businesses, and civic groups throughout Alaska will be promoting bicycling as a wholesome transportation activity, as well as an environmentally friendly supplement to automobile travel; and

WHEREAS, Many Alaskans will experience the joys of bicycling through educational programs, commuting events, helmet promotions, and other bicycling events.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mary E. Wythe, Mayor of the City of Homer, do hereby proclaim May 2013 as:

BIKE MONTH

and the week of May 13 - 17 as Bike to Work Week and May 17 as Bike to Work and School Day. I encourage all Alaskans to participate in Bike Month activities, to always be aware of cyclists on our roads, and to recognize and practice bicycle safety throughout the year.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Homer, Alaska, to be affixed this 22nd day of April, 2013.

CITY OF HOMER

MARY E. WYTHER, MAYOR

ATTEST:

JO JOHNSON, CMC, CITY CLERK