

**A PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING THE MONTH OF MAY 2017 AND EVERY
YEAR AFTER AS NATIONAL BIKE MONTH AND BICYCLE SAFETY MONTH,
AND THE WEEK OF MAY 15-19, 2017 AS BIKE TO WORK WEEK
IN LOS ALAMOS COUNTY**

WHEREAS, the bicycle is a viable and environmentally sound form of transportation and an excellent form of recreation; and

WHEREAS, millions of New Mexicans will experience the joys of bicycling during the month of May through educational programs, races, commuting events, trail work days, helmet promotion, charity events, or just getting out and going for a ride; and

WHEREAS, Los Alamos's trail network attracts hundreds of bicyclists each year from all 50 states and from across the globe, providing economic, health, and scenic benefits to citizens of Los Alamos and the world; and

WHEREAS, these bicycling activities and attractions have great potential to have a positive impact on Los Alamos's economy and tourism industry and to stimulate economic development by making the region attractive to businesses and citizens who enjoy the out of doors and healthy lifestyles; and

WHEREAS, creating bicycle-friendly communities has been shown to improve citizens' health, well-being, and quality of life, to boost community spirit, to improve traffic safety, and to reduce pollution and congestion; and

WHEREAS, May has been declared National Bike Month for each of the last 56 years, and is so again in 2017; and

WHEREAS, the education of bicyclists and motorists as to the proper and safe operation of bicycles is important to ensure the safety and comfort of all users; and

WHEREAS, the Incorporated County of Los Alamos, community organizations, partners and other organizations across the state will promote bicycle safety during the month of May 2017; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT I, COUNTY CHAIR OF LOS ALAMOS COUNTY COUNCIL hereby recognize the month of May 2017 and every year after as National Bike Month and Bicycle Safety Month, and the week of May 15-19, 2017 as Bike to Work Week; and

ALSO BE IT RESOLVED THAT LOS ALAMOS COUNTY urges all who support bicycling to participate in the events planned and urges all road users to share the road safely with bicyclists.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS ____ DAY OF _____, 2017.

David Izraelevitz, Council Chair

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