

# The State of Washington



## Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, the bicycle is part of a sustainable, multimodal transportation system and a viable and environmentally sound form of transportation; and

**WHEREAS**, throughout the month of May, millions of Washingtonians will experience the joys of bicycling through educational programs, races, commuting events, trail work days, helmet promotions, charity events, or getting out and going for a ride; and

**WHEREAS**, outdoor recreation activities, including bicycling, in Washington directly support 227,000 jobs and consumers spend \$22.5 billion on outdoor recreation equipment, apparel, lodging, and other services, generating \$1.6 billion in state and local tax revenue; and

**WHEREAS**, creating bicycling-friendly communities has been shown to improve Washingtonians' health, well-being, and quality of life, growing local economies, improving traffic safety, supporting student learning outcomes, and reducing pollution and congestion; and

**WHEREAS**, Washington Bikes, Cascade Bicycle Club, Evergreen Mountain Bike Alliance, the League of American Bicyclists, local bicycle clubs, schools, cities and counties, parks and recreation departments, police departments, public health districts, hospitals, companies and civic groups throughout Washington will be promoting bicycling during the month of May 2014; and

**WHEREAS**, the Washington State Department of Transportation, Washington State Department of Revenue and other state agencies and partners will organize the Eighth Annual Interagency Bicycle Ride held in Olympia on May 16, 2014;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Jay Inslee, Governor of the state of Washington, do hereby proclaim May 2014 as

### *Bike Month*

in Washington, and I urge all people in our state to join me in this special observance.



Signed this 15<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2014

Handwritten signature of Jay Inslee in blue ink.

Governor Jay Inslee