

PROCLAMATION

A PROCLAMATION by the Mayor, of the City of Bainbridge Island, Washington, declaring the month of May, 2001, as Bike Bainbridge Month.

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

WHEREAS, millions of Americans will experience the joys of bicycling this May through educational programs, commuting events, trail work days, helmet promotions and charity rides; and

WHEREAS, Americans in record numbers are turning to bicycling for recreation, exercise and transportation; and

WHEREAS, the national non-profit bicycling safety and education association, the League of American Bicyclists has declared the month of May to be National Bike Month for each of the last forty (40) years , and has done so again in 2001; and

WHEREAS, bicycle clubs, schools, parks and recreation departments, police departments, hospitals, companies and civic groups throughout the state will be promoting bicycling as a wholesome leisurely activity as well as an environmentally-friendly alternative to the automobile during the month of May, 2001; and

WHEREAS, a significant number of Bainbridge Island commuters regularly use bicycles to reach their jobs. Thereby exemplifying the model of efficient and healthful commuting; and

WHEREAS, Bainbridge Island school children have been enthusiastic supporters of bicycling as a means to reach their schools; and

WHEREAS, Bainbridge Island emphasizes and encourages increasing use of non-motorized transportation in its many forms and functions; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I Dwight Sutton, Mayor of Bainbridge Island, Washington, do hereby officially proclaim the month of May as :

National Bike Month

And I furthermore proclaim Friday, May 18, as "Bike to Work and School Day" and urge all who support bicycling to participate in the events planned.

DWIGHT SUTTON, Mayor

