



Proclamation Recognizing May as Bike Month

WHEREAS, bicycling is a healthy, clean, and affordable mode of transportation and recreation used by thousands of community members and residents of all ages throughout our great Commonwealth and County, and traveling by bicycle has been proven to alleviate traffic congestion and reduce pollution associated with vehicular travel, and offer significant mental and physical health benefits to bicyclists themselves; and

WHEREAS, the County of Albemarle set an ambitious, appropriate, and necessary goal to reduce greenhouse gas emissions to net zero by 2050, and reaching that goal requires providing more accessible, safe, and affordable multi-modal transportation options for all residents; and

WHEREAS, a rich sense of a bicycling community is essential in shifting our transportation systems away from automobiles and building community support for new and different infrastructure and broader mobility options; and

WHEREAS, throughout the month of May, Albemarle County, Charlottesville, and the University of Virginia, alongside a cohort of businesses, agencies, and community groups, are hosting many bicycling events that promote awareness, safety, new travel options, as well as building community; and

WHEREAS, these groups, and many others, are also promoting the use of the bicycle as both a means of transportation and recreation year-round to improve community health, economic vitality, environmental stewardship, and the simple joy of being active outdoors.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, that we, the Albemarle County Board of Supervisors, do hereby recognize the month of May 2026 as National Bike Month, encourage all who support bicycling to participate in the events planned, and urge all road users to share the road safely.

Signed this 6th day of May 2026.

Ned L. Gallaway, Chair
Albemarle Board of County Supervisors