

Proclamation

WHEREAS it is one of the responsibilities of the Mayor of the City of Westerville to recognize occasions of outstanding significance;

WHEREAS, millions of Americans will experience the joys of bicycling the month of May through educational programs, commuting events, trail work days, helmet promotions, and charity rides, 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 fifty-seven (57) years, and has done so again in 2013, and

WHEREAS, today millions of Americans engage in bicycling because it is a viable and environmentally sound form of transportation, an excellent form of fitness and provides quality family recreation opportunities; and the Westerville Parks and Recreation Department provides over 27 miles of bikeways and leisure paths for citizen enjoyment; and

WHEREAS, May 6 through 10, 2013 is Bike Helmet Safety Awareness Week as a public awareness campaign to encourage adults and children to wear their helmets; and

WHEREAS, the Ohio Chapter of American Academy of Pediatrics "Put a Lid On It" campaign donated 40 bike helmets to be given away at the Party at the Creek event; and

WHEREAS, National Bike Month is a time when we can do something special to direct deserved national attention to the benefits of physical activity; NOW THEREFORE,

I, Kathleen Cocuzzi, Mayor of the City of Westerville, Ohio, do hereby proclaim May 2013 as

"NATIONAL BIKE MONTH"

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name and caused my seal to be affixed this 7th day of May, in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Thirteen.

Kathleen Cocuzzi, Mayor