



## CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

### RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING MAY AS NATIONAL BIKE MONTH

**WHEREAS,** In the United States, since 1956, May has been recognized as National Bike Month; *and*

**WHEREAS,** A recent study performed by ARRIS Composite ranked Boston as the #4 most bike-friendly city in the U.S.; *and*

**WHEREAS,** Boston currently has 59 miles of off-street paths, 17.5 miles of separated bike lanes and 8 miles of neighborhood routes; *and*

**WHEREAS,** Bluebike in 2021 reported 2,954,624 total trips in the Greater Boston area, which covered 6,627,760 miles in total; *and*

**WHEREAS,** During the fall 2022 shutdowns of the Green and Orange Line, Bike ridership in the Boston area increased by 53% in comparison to the same period in 2021, according to Commonwealth Magazine; *and*

**WHEREAS,** Community-based organizations like Bikes, not Bombs and the Boston Cyclists Union are responding to the rise in ridership and are committed to making biking safer and more accessible to all our residents; *and*

**WHEREAS,** The city of Boston, Boston's Bike initiative has outlined five objectives they aim to achieve over the next three years:

- Expand our bike network so that 50% of residents will be a 3-minute walk from a safe and connected bike route
- Grow our public bike share by 40%, adding more than 100 new stations
- Build speed humps in 30 more community zones, starting with ten next year
- Add 75 raised crosswalks at parks, libraries, community centers, and schools
- Help 600 women gain confidence in riding bikes; *and*

**WHEREAS,** To reach our Vision Zero goal of eliminating severe and fatal traffic crashes in the city by 2030, creating a safe bike infrastructure that increases bike ridership and decreases fatalities, **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT**

**RESOLVED:** That the Boston City Council recognizes May as National Bike Month.