

**PROCLAMATION NO. 2019-09
NATIONAL BIKE MONTH**

WHEREAS, the bicycle is an economical, healthy, convenient, viable, and environmentally sound form of transportation and an excellent form of recreation and enjoyment of Brevard and Transylvania County's scenic beauty; and

WHEREAS, millions of North Carolinians will experience the joys of bicycling during the month of May through educational programs, races, commuting events, trail work days, helmet promotion, charity events, or just getting out and going for a recreational ride; and

WHEREAS, Brevard and Transylvania County trails and roads attract bicyclists each year from across the country and the world; and

WHEREAS, Brevard hosts several major cycling races and events, including the Assault on the Carolinas, the WNC Flyer, and the Pisgah Stage Race; and

WHEREAS, these bicycling activities and attractions have great potential to have a positive impact on Brevard's economy and tourism industry, as well as to stimulate economic development by making the city attractive to businesses and citizens who enjoy the out of doors and healthy lifestyles; and

WHEREAS, creating bicycle-friendly communities has been shown to improve citizens' health, well-being, and quality of life, to boost community spirit, to improve traffic safety, and to reduce pollution and congestion; and

WHEREAS, May has been declared National Bike Month since 1956 and is so again in 2019; and

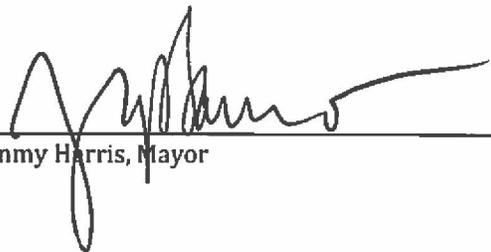
WHEREAS, the League of American Bicyclists, bicycle clubs, schools, parks and recreation departments, police departments, hospitals, companies and civic groups throughout North Carolina will be promoting bicycling as a leisure activity as well as an environmentally-friendly alternative to the automobile during the month of May 2019; and

WHEREAS, the education of bicyclists and motorists as to the proper and safe operation of bicycles is important to ensure the safety and comfort of all users; and

WHEREAS, the City of Brevard Comprehensive Plan includes several objectives and policies aimed at improving cycling as both a form of recreation and transportation.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mayor Jimmy Harris and the Brevard City Council do hereby proclaim and recognize the month of May 2019 as National Bike Month and Bicycle Safety Month.

Adopted and approved this the 20th day of May, 2019.


Jimmy Harris, Mayor

Attest:


Jill Murray, City Clerk