ARLINGTON COUNTY, VIRGINIA

Proclamation

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BIKE MONTH

WHEREAS, bicycle commuting is an effective means to improve air quality, reduce traffic congestion and conserve energy; and

WHEREAS, bicycle commuting benefits both employees and employers through better health and fitness, and reduced commuting and parking costs; and

WHEREAS, Arlington County is home to an expansive bicycle network, including some of the region's most popular bicycle trails; and

WHEREAS, Arlington has a growing population of cyclists who are actively involved in shaping county, regional, state, and national transportation and community policies; and

WHEREAS, there has been a global "Bike Boom" during the pandemic of the past two years as evidenced by record sales and ridership of all kinds of bikes; and

WHEREAS, the National Center for Safe Routes to Schools has designated May 4, 2022 to be National Bike to School Day; and

WHEREAS, the League of American Bicyclists has declared the week of May 16-22, 2022 to be Bike to Work Week; and

WHEREAS, the National Capital Regional Transportation Planning Board proclaimed May 20, 2022 to be Bike to Work Day throughout the Washington metropolitan region, of which Arlington is a part;

NOW, THEREFORE I, Katie Cristol, Chair of the County Board of Arlington, Virginia, do hereby proclaim May 2022 as

BIKE MONTH

in Arlington and urge all residents to support and participate in these and other activities that contribute to the health of the community and the environment.

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Chair