



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, May has been recognized as National Bike Month since 1956, sponsored by the League of American Bicyclists, including National Bike to Work Week from May 12-16, 2025, and City of Ankeny celebrates Bike to Work Day on May 16, 2025; and

WHEREAS, Ankeny's expansive network of nearly 100 miles of paved trails provides safe and scenic routes that enhance community well-being, promote business vibrancy, reduce pollution, and lessens traffic congestion and road maintenance costs; and

WHEREAS, Ankeny's trails are essential for exercise, recreation and commuting, offering year-round connectivity and integrating into a 600-mile regional trail network linking urban centers with outdoor recreational landscapes that promote mental health and nature; and

WHEREAS, Ankeny is committed to building a robust and sustainable pedestrian transportation network that enhances the quality of life of residents and supports community and economic development locally and regionally; and

WHEREAS, Iowa Bike Coalition has played a significant role in promoting safe and accessible bicycling in Iowa, organizing many Bike Month activities, and advocating for improvements to biking infrastructure and bike safety for the last 21 years, their Safe Routes to School Program done in partnership with the Iowa Department of Transportation, as well as passage of a Hands Free law for the state of Iowa and also protections for pedestrians in crosswalks regardless of their form of transportation; and

WHEREAS, The continued development of an all-ages-and-abilities bicycling network supports our environmental goals, and fosters community building; and

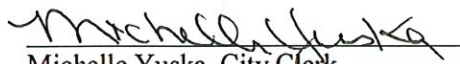
WHEREAS, It is vital for drivers in Ankeny to ensure bicyclists' safety by respecting their road space by sharing the road.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Bobbi Bentz, Mayor of the City of Ankeny, Iowa, do hereby recognize May as Bike Month. I encourage all community members to join in celebrating this special observance.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Ankeny to be affixed this 19th day of May 2025.


Bobbi B. Bentz, Mayor

ATTEST:


Michelle Yuska, City Clerk

