

WHEREAS, the month of May has been designated as National Bike Month by National, state and local governments for each of the last 57 years; and

WHEREAS, for more than a century, the bicycle has been an important part of the lives of most Americans; 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; and

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

WHEREAS, the League of American Bicyclists and independent cyclists throughout our state are promoting greater public awareness of bicycle operation and safety education in an effort to reduce accidents, injuries and fatalities for all.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Sarah L. Pelican, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Fernandina Beach, Florida, do hereby proclaim the month of May 2013 as

"BIKE MONTH"

in Fernandina Beach and encourage citizens to recognize the importance of bicycle safety and be more aware of cyclists in our streets and highways.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and caused the Official Seal of the City of Fernandina Beach, Florida, to be affixed this 21st day of May, 2013.

CITY OF FERNANDINA BEACH

Sarah L. Pelican

Mayor - Commissioner

