## **PROCLAMATION**

WHEREAS, There is a need to promote alternative forms of transportation such as bicycling in order to improve health and well-being in addition to reducing pollution, traffic congestion, and America's dependence on fossil fuels; and

WHEREAS, Creating bicycle-friendly communities has been shown to improve quality of life, boosting community spirit, improving traffic safety, and stimulating economic growth; and

WHEREAS, Bike paths and trails in the Truckee Meadows have great potential to positively impact our recreation and tourism industry, by making the region attractive to businesses and citizens who enjoy the out of doors and healthy lifestyles; and

WHEREAS, Millions of Americans will experience the joys of bicycling during May through educational and safety programs, community events, or just getting out and going for a ride; 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, May has been declared National Bike Month for each of the last 59 years; now, therefore, be it

**PROCLAIMED,** By the Washoe County Board of Commissioners that May 2015 is National Bike Month and Bicycle Safety Month and the week of May 9-15, 2015 is Bike Week in Washoe County and the Board encourages all citizens to enjoy the benefits of bicycling, recognize the importance of bicycle safety, and be more aware of cyclists on our streets

 $\boldsymbol{ADOPTED}$  this  $21^{st}$  day of April, 2015

Marsha Berkbigler, Chair Washoe County Commission

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