

**Town of Fairfax
Bike to Work Month Proclamation**

WHEREAS the Town of Fairfax borders on the most beautiful bicycle trails in the country, trails along which the sport of mountain biking originated, and its downtown shops are a popular destination for cyclists; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Fairfax recognizes the bicycle as an efficient, enjoyable and universal mode of transportation that helps reduce traffic congestion and air pollution, and enhances a person's physical health and mental well-being; and

WHEREAS, today, in the midst of a national obesity epidemic costing tens of billions of dollars in health care costs, cycling provides an excellent form of fitness and provides quality family recreation; and

WHEREAS, Fairfax was an early supporter of the model program of Safe Routes to School which has since expanded to all 50 states in over 12,000 schools serving over 5,000,000 children, many who ride bicycles to school; and

WHEREAS, County of Marin bicycle counts from Bolinas Road and Broadway in Fairfax show an increase of 352% on weekdays and 190% on weekends since 2008; and

WHEREAS, studies such as the League of American Bicyclists' *The Economic Benefits of Bicycle Infrastructure Investments* show that bicycle use is linked to an improved economy, and the Town of Fairfax benefits from the economic engine bicycling provides the town; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Fairfax regularly partners with the Marin County Bicycle Coalition which in turn works in partnership with regional, state and national cycling organizations to promote safe bicycle infrastructure and greater public awareness of bicycle operation and safety education in an effort to reduce accidents, injuries and fatalities for all.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Fairfax Town Council does hereby proclaim May as BIKE MONTH and May 10th as BIKE TO WORK DAY in the Town of Fairfax and encourages all sectors of our community to recognize the importance of bicycle safety, to celebrate bicycle use, to be more aware of cyclists on our streets and roads and to bike to work on May 10th.

PAM HARTWELL-HERRERO
Mayor