

***WHEREAS**, the bicycle is a viable and environmentally sound form of transportation and an excellent form of recreation; and*

***WHEREAS**, creating bicycle-friendly communities has been shown to improve citizens' health, well-being, and quality of life, to boost community spirit, to improve traffic safety, and to reduce pollution and congestion; 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**, bicycling activities and attractions have great potential to have a positive impact on Oklahoma's economy and tourism industry and to stimulate economic development by making the state attractive to businesses and citizens who enjoy the out of doors and healthy lifestyles; and*

***WHEREAS**, the League of American Bicyclists and the Red Dirt Pedalers will be promoting bicycle safety and bicycling as a leisure activity as well as an environmentally-friendly alternative to the automobile during the month of May.*

***NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Gina J. Noble, Mayor of the City of Stillwater, do hereby proclaim the month of May, 2016 in the City of Stillwater as "**NATIONAL BIKE MONTH and BICYCLE SAFETY MONTH**" and the week of May 16-20, 2016 as "**BIKE TO WORK WEEK**" with the annual **Bike to Work Day** being held on May 20 as well as a **Ride of Silence** on May 18, and urge all who support bicycling to participate in the events planned and urge all road users to share the road safely with bicyclists.*

***IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the great seal of the City of Stillwater to be affixed this 2nd day of May, 2016.*

GINA J. NOBLE, MAYOR

ATTEST:

ELIZABETH CHRZ CITY CLERK