

***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, Red Dirt Pedalers and Stillwater's Bicycle Club 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; and*

***WHEREAS**, all citizens are encouraged to support bicycling and participate in the events planned for the month of May, including the annual **Bike to Work Week, May 15-19**, with the annual **Bike to Work Day on May 19**; a **Ride of Silence on May 17**; and a **picnic on May 31 at Couch Park**.*

***NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Gina J. Noble, Mayor of the City of Stillwater, do hereby proclaim the month of May, 2017 in the City of Stillwater as "**BIKE MONTH**".*

***IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the great seal of the City of Stillwater to be affixed this 1st day of May, 2017.*

ATTEST:

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GINA J. NOBLE, MAYOR

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ELIZABETH CHRZ, CITY CLERK