

THE CITY of *Altoona*



**PROCLAMATION**

By

**Mayor Brendan Pratt**



*National Bike Month, May 2023*

*National Bike-to-Work Week, May 15-21, 2023*

*Wisconsin Bike Week, June 3-10, 2023*

*Bike to Work Day, May 19, 2023*

**WHEREAS**, May has been recognized as National Bike Month since 1956; and

**WHEREAS**, bicycle commuting is an effective means to improve physical and mental health, air quality, reduce traffic congestion, reduce travel costs, reduce noise, conserve energy, and reduce climate impacts; and

**WHEREAS**, an estimated 40 percent of all trips in the U.S. are less than two miles, making bicycling a viable, efficient, safe and enjoyable transportation method; 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 contribute to the local economy; and

**WHEREAS**, bicycling represents a significant economic benefit to households, employers and communities, with Wisconsin considered a leader with a statewide economic impact estimated to exceed \$1.5 billion annually; and

**WHEREAS**, Altoona continues to plan for and advance the development of a comprehensive bike mobility system to enable citizens to ride their bikes to work, school, around their neighborhoods and throughout the region to promote personal and societal benefits achieved from bicycling, and

**WHEREAS**, ease and frequency of bicycle and pedestrian activity are key components of Altoona's community livability and vibrancy efforts; and

**NOW, THEREFORE**, be it resolved that I, Brendan Pratt, Mayor of Altoona, WI, proclaim:

- 1) May 2023 as "National Bike Month" in Altoona; and
- 2) May 19, 2023 as "Bike to Work Day"; and
- 3) Recognize "National Bike to Work Week", May 15 – 21, 2023; and
- 4) Recognize "Wisconsin Bike Week", June 3-10, 2023; and
- 5) Recognize the significant value and role of bicycling to personal and community health and vitality.

Dated this 11th day of May, 2023

CITY OF ALTOONA

Mayor Brendan Pratt

Attest:

Cindy Bauer, City Clerk

