**DECLARING MARCH 2024 AS**

**FLORIDA BICYCLE MONTH**

**WHEREAS**, [INSERT MUNICIPALITY] residents and visitors engage in bicycling as a viable and environmentally sound form of transportation and an excellent form of physical activity and recreation; and

 **WHEREAS**, the State of Florida designates March as Bicycle Month and Palm Beach County will recognize it locally; and

 **WHEREAS**, Florida Bicycle Month features a number of fitness opportunities, educational programs, races, commuting and charity events for riders of all ages and abilities to enjoy throughout the month at various parks and locations throughout Palm Beach County; and

**WHEREAS**, the recognition of Florida Bicycle Month will raise awareness of bicycling and ultimately promote physical activity and healthy lifestyles by elevating bicycling as a more widely accepted choice of transportation;

 **WHEREAS**, the Palm Beach Transportation Planning Agency plans and recommends projects to make bicycling more accessible and promotes comprehensive community education efforts aimed at improving bicycle safety; and

 **WHEREAS**, creating a bicycle-friendly community has been shown to improve citizen’s health, well-being, and quality of life, growing the economy of [INSERT MUNICIPALITY], attracting tourism dollars, improving traffic safety, supporting student learning outcomes, and reducing pollution, congestion, and wear and tear on our streets; and

**WHEREAS**, Palm Beach County has an ever-expanding designated or enhanced bicycle lane network, with over 270 miles of existing and 745 miles of planned facilities to create a safe, connected system of bicycle infrastructure.

 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE** [INSERT MUNICIPALITY], assembled in regular session this [INSERT DATE] day of March 2024, that the month of March 2024, in [INSERT MUNICIPALITY], is hereby proclaimed:

Florida Bicycle Month

**BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED BY THE** [INSERT MUNICIPALITY], that this proclamation is duly sealed, ribboned and executed by the members of this [INSERT COMMISSION/COUNCIL]. The foregoing proclamation was sponsored by Honorable Mayor [­­­INSERT NAME], and upon unanimous consent of the [INSERT COMMISSION/COUNCIL], the Mayor declared the proclamation duly enacted.