## **PROCLAMATION**

## A PROCLAMATION BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF LAKE CLARKE SHORES, FLORIDA, PROCLAIMING THE MONTH OF MARCH 2025 AS FLORIDA BICYCLE MONTH

**WHEREAS**, Lake Clarke Shores 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, supports 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, grow the economy of Lake Clarke Shores, attract tourism dollars, improve traffic safety, support student learning outcomes, and reduce 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 280 miles of existing facilities and several local municipalities that have adopted a Complete Streets Policy, furthering the creation of a safe, connected system that is acceptable to all forms of transportation, and all people who bike, regardless of age, ability or background.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** the Town Council of the Town of Lake Clarke Shores, does hereby proclaim the month of March 2025 as:

## FLORIDA BICYCLE MONTH



Given under my Hand and Seal of the Town of Lake Clarke Shores, Florida, this 12th day of March 2024.

Gregory Freebold, Mayor

Attest:

Mary Pinkerman, Town Clerk