



PROCLAMATION

Whereas, the bicycle is an economical, healthy, convenient, and environmentally sound form of transportation and an excellent tool for recreation and enjoyment of Vicksburg's scenic beauty; and

Whereas, throughout the month of May, the residents of Vicksburg and its visitors will experience the joys of bicycling through educational programs, commuting events, charity events, or by simply getting out and going for a ride; and

Whereas, Vicksburg's road and trail system attracts bicyclists each year, providing economic health, transportation, tourism, and scenic benefits; and

Whereas, by creating a bicycling-friendly community has been shown to improve citizens' health, well-being, and quality of life, growing the economy of Vicksburg, attracting tourism dollars, improving traffic safety, supporting student learning outcomes, and reducing pollution, congestion, and wear and tear on our streets and roads; and

Whereas, Bike Walk Mississippi, Vicksburg Main Street, City of Vicksburg, River City Cyclist, Vicksburg Bike Recs, the Mayor's Challenge, the League of American Bicyclists, schools, Vicksburg Police Department, Sheriff's Department, public health districts, hospitals, companies and civic groups will be promoting bicycling during the month of May 2017; and

Whereas, these groups are also promoting bicycle tourism year round to attract more visitors to enjoy our local restaurants, hotels, retail establishments, and cultural and scenic attractions; and

Whereas, these groups are also promoting greater public awareness of bicycle operation and safety education in an effort to reduce collisions, injuries, and fatalities and improve health and safety for everyone on the road; and

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that I, George Flaggs, Jr., Mayor of the City of Vicksburg, on behalf of the Honorable Michael A. Mayfield, Sr., North Ward Alderman and the Honorable Willis T. Thompson, South Ward Alderman, do hereby proclaim the month of May 2017 as **Bike Month** in Vicksburg. We ask all residents to join in this special observance.

Signed this 1st day of May 2017.

George Flaggs, Jr., Mayor

Michael A. Mayfield, Sr. Alderman

Willis T. Thompson, Alderman