



ROCK ISLAND  
ILLINOIS

Mayor Dennis E. Pauley

**PROCLAMATION**

- WHEREAS,** the bicycle is an economical, healthy, convenient, and environmentally sound form of transportation and recreation; and
- WHEREAS,** throughout the month of May, the residents of Rock Island and its visitors will experience the joys of bicycling through educational programs, races, commuting events, charity events, or by simply getting out and going for a ride; and
- WHEREAS,** Rock Island's road and trail system attracts bicyclists each year, providing economic health, transportation, tourism and scenic benefits; and
- WHEREAS,** creating a bicycling-friendly community has been shown to improve citizens' health, well-being, and quality of life, growing the economy of Rock Island, 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,** the League of American Bicyclists, schools, parks and recreation departments, police departments, public health districts, hospitals, companies and civic groups will be promoting bicycling during the month of May 2017; and
- WHEREAS,** these groups are 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.

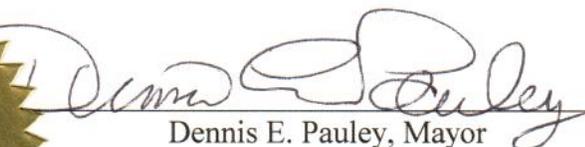
**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Dennis E. Pauley, Mayor of the City of Rock Island, proclaim May, 2017 as

**BIKE MONTH**

in the City of Rock Island, and I urge all residents to join me in this special observance.

APR 12, 2017  
Date



  
Dennis E. Pauley, Mayor