**PROCLAMATION NO. 2025-16**
**NATIONAL BIKE MONTH**

**WHEREAS,** the bicycle is an economical, healthy, convenient, viable, and environmentally sound form of transportation and an excellent form of recreation and enjoyment of Brevard and Transylvania County's scenic beauty; and

**WHEREAS,** Brevard and Transylvania County trails and roads attract bicyclists each year from across the country and the world; and

**WHEREAS,** Brevard hosts several major cycling races and events, including the Assault on the Carolinas, the WNC Flyer, and the Pisgah Stage Race; and

**WHEREAS,** these bicycling activities and attractions have great potential to have a positive impact on Brevard's economy and tourism industry, as well as to stimulate economic development by making the city attractive to businesses and citizens who enjoy the out of doors and healthy lifestyles; 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 to reduce pollution and congestion; and

**WHEREAS,** May has been declared National Bike Month since 1956 and is so again in 2025; and

**WHEREAS,** the League of American Bicyclists, bicycle clubs, schools, parks and recreation departments, police departments, hospitals, companies, and civic groups throughout North Carolina will be promoting bicycling as a leisure activity as well as an environmentally-friendly alternative to the automobile during the month of May 2025; and

**WHEREAS,** the education of bicyclists and motorists as to the proper and safe operation of bicycles is important to ensure the safety and comfort of all users; and

**WHEREAS,** the City of Brevard Comprehensive Plan includes several objectives and policies aimed at improving cycling as both a form of recreation and transportation.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Mayor Maureen Copelof and the Brevard City Council do hereby proclaim and recognize the month of May 2025 as National Bike Month and Bicycle Safety Month.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Brevard to be affixed this 5th day of May, 2025.

Maureen Copelof
Mayor

Attest:

Denise Hodsdon, CMC
City Clerk