



Proclamation

Bike Month May 2023

WHEREAS, the National Safe Routes to School Partnership, the Mid-America Regional Council, BikeWalkKC, and dozens of partners across the region are working together to promote Walk to School Day in Greater Kansas City, and

WHEREAS, the City of Roeland Park, Kansas recognizing the use of bicycles as a viable mode of transportation, endeavors to promote safe and responsible bicycling and is committed to incorporating the development of bicycle facilities within the City and supporting a livable community for all ages; and

WHEREAS, the City of Roeland Park, Kansas encourages the increased use of the bicycle, benefiting all citizens within the community by improving air quality, reducing traffic, decreasing the use of and dependence upon finite energy sources; and

WHEREAS, a lack of physical activity plays a leading role in rising rates of obesity, diabetes, other health problems among children, and being able to walk or bicycle to school offers an opportunity to build activity into daily routine; and

WHEREAS, community members and leaders are planning to make recommendations to enable Roeland Park's children to safely walk and bicycle in our communities and develop a list of suggestions for improvements that can be done over time; and

WHEREAS, the City of Roeland Park, Shawnee Mission School District, BikeWalk KC, Johnson County and Caring for Kids, have been working together to develop safe routes to school by collaborating since May 4, 2017 Walk, Roll and Stroll Pilot Program; and

WHEREAS, the League of American Bicyclists has established May as National Bicycle Month, Bike Walk KC establishes May as Bicycle Safety Month in the Kansas City Region and Roeland Park establishes a Walk, Roll and Stroll to school Day; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor, City Council, and BikeWalkKC encourage all citizens to ride their bicycles to work, to the store, to the park, to school, around their neighborhoods, and with friends and family to promote the personal and societal benefits achieved from bicycling; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF ROELAND PARK:

That the Mayor and Council hereby declare the month of May 2023, as "Bike Month" in the City of Roeland Park, Kansas.

Michael Poppa, Mayor