

Resolution No. 581-15

Introduced in Council

April 20, 2015

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WHEREAS: The month of May 2015 is nationally recognized as Bicycling Month and May 15 has been designated as Bike to Work Day, both of which are nationwide efforts sponsored by the League of American Bicyclists; and

WHEREAS: Our City recognizes bicycles as legitimate roadway vehicles, entitled to legal and responsible use of all public roads in West Virginia, except where prohibited by law, and further recognizes that bicycling provides a means of both outdoor exercise, which leads to better health, and a decreased use of cars, which leads to better air quality; and

WHEREAS: The City of Charleston has begun a major planning effort to increase use of the bicycles, and, to that end, has engaged a nationally recognized consulting firm to develop a bike trail master plan with the goal of establishing world class bike trails in Charleston and the surrounding area; and

WHEREAS: The bike trail master plan will recognize the use of bicycles as a viable mode of transportation and will incorporate plans to promote safe and responsible bicycling, all with a vision for revitalizing Charleston and supporting livable neighborhoods and improved quality of life; and

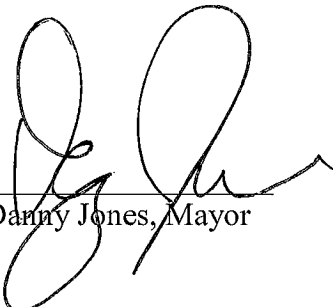
WHEREAS: The Imagine Charleston Plan, adopted as Charleston's comprehensive plan, calls for more bike trails and increased bike use in and around our City; and

WHEREAS: The Mayor, City Council, Charleston Police Department, Charleston Area Alliance, and West Virginia Connecting Communities encourage all citizens to ride their bicycles to work, to the store, to the park, 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 elected leaders of Charleston, that we hereby recognize the month of May 2015 as **National Bike Month** and **Bicycle Safety Month**, and May 15, 2015 as **Bike to Work Day**.

We also urge all who support bicycling to participate in the events planned and all road users to share the road safely with bicyclists.





Danny Jones, Mayor



Tom Lane, Council President