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2 **“WORLD BICYCLE DAY” - June 3, 2024** – For the purpose of the City of Annapolis
3 recognizing World Bicycle Day on June 3, 2024, and acknowledging on this day the uniqueness,
4 longevity, and versatility of the bicycle as a simple, affordable, reliable, clean, and
5 environmentally sustainable means of transport.

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7 **CITY COUNCIL OF THE**
8 **City of Annapolis**

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10 **Resolution 26-24**

11 **Introduced by: Mayor Buckley**

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13 **A RESOLUTION** concerning

14 **“WORLD BICYCLE DAY” - June 3, 2024**

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16 **FOR** the purpose of the City of Annapolis recognizing World Bicycle Day on June 3, 2024,
17 and acknowledging on this day the uniqueness, longevity, and versatility of the bicycle as
18 a simple, affordable, reliable, clean, and environmentally sustainable means of transport.
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22 **WHEREAS,** By the initiative of the Maryland resident, sociologist Dr. Leszek J. Sibilski, on
23 April 12, 2018, the United Nations General Assembly declared June 3rd as World
24 Bicycle Day and invited all Member States, organizations of the United Nations
25 system and other relevant international, national, regional organizations, and
26 stakeholders to cooperate in observing World Bicycle Day, to celebrate the Day
27 and to promote awareness of it; and
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30 **WHEREAS,** It draws attention to the bicycle’s role in fostering environmental stewardship,
31 promoting health, preventing disease, and facilitating social inclusion and peace;
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34 **WHEREAS,** World Bicycle Day acknowledges the benefits of using bicycles as a sustainable
35 and active mode of transportation; and
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37 **WHEREAS,** Cycling has many benefits:

- 38 • Health: Cycling increases physical activity, reduces noncommunicable
39 diseases (such as cancer and diabetes), and contributes to overall well-
40 being;
- 41 • Environment: Bicycles produce no emissions, reducing air and noise
42 pollution;

- 1 • Economy: Bicycling is cost-effective and contributes to economic
- 2 sustainability;
- 3 • Social Inclusion: It promotes inclusivity and a culture of peace;
- 4 • Education: Encouraging cycling strengthens physical education for
- 5 children and young people; and

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7 **WHEREAS,** Recognizing that more efficient and low-emission modes of transportation are
8 possible, such as integrating cycling into public transportation systems, and can
9 be encouraged by planning and the development of a quality, reliable, sustainable
10 and resilient infrastructure; and

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12 **WHEREAS,** We invite all areas of the City of Annapolis to integrate the bicycle into public
13 transportation, improve road safety, and promote the use of bicycles by people
14 and businesses to increase bicycle and pedestrian travel, which in turn contributes
15 to the achievement of sustainable development, including the reduction of
16 greenhouse gas emissions; and

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18 **WHEREAS,** We pledge to devote particular attention to the bicycle in cross-cutting
19 development strategies, including bike-sharing services, and to include the bicycle
20 and bicycle network infrastructure that connects communities and programs; and

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22 **WHEREAS,** Cycling aligns with the City of Annapolis Transportation and Sustainable
23 Development Goals, including those related to education, energy, employment,
24 cities, and inequalities; and

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26 **WHEREAS,** World Bicycle Day is a time to celebrate and encourage cycling in the City of
27 Annapolis;

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29 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Annapolis City Council does hereby
30 recognize June 3rd, 2024, as World Bicycle Day;

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32 **AND, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that World Bicycle Day celebrates the bicycle's impact
33 on health, the environment, and sustainable development;

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35 **AND, BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED BY THE ANNAPOLIS CITY COUNCIL** that this
36 resolution shall take effect upon passage.