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2 **“WORLD BICYCLE DAY” - June 3, 2024** – For the purpose of the City of Annapolis
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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**

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12 **Introduced by: Mayor Buckley**

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14 **A RESOLUTION** concerning

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18 **FOR** the purpose of the City of Annapolis recognizing World Bicycle Day on June 3, 2024,
19 and acknowledging on this day the uniqueness, longevity, and versatility of the bicycle as
20 a simple, affordable, reliable, clean, and environmentally sustainable means of transport.

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23 **WHEREAS,** By the initiative of the Maryland resident, sociologist Dr. Leszek J. Sibilski, on
24 April 12, 2018, the United Nations General Assembly declared June 3rd as World
25 Bicycle Day and invited all Member States, organizations of the United Nations
26 system and other relevant international, national, regional organizations, and
27 stakeholders to cooperate in observing World Bicycle Day, to celebrate the Day
28 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;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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