PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the bicycle is an economical, healthy, convenient, and environmentally sound form of transportation and an excellent tool for recreation and enjoyment of Dunwoody's scenic beauty; and

WHEREAS, throughout the month of May, the residents of Dunwoody and its visitors will experience the joys of bicycling through events or by simply getting out and going for a ride; and

WHEREAS, Dunwoody's road and trail system attracts bicyclists each year, providing economic health, transportation, tourism, and scenic benefits; and

WHEREAS, creating a bicycling-friendly community has been shown to improve citizens' health, well-being, and quality of life, growing the economy of Dunwoody, attracting tourism dollars, improving traffic safety, supporting student learning outcomes, and reducing pollution, congestion, and wear and tear on our streets and roads; and

WHEREAS, on May 1, 2020 Dunwoody's Vulnerable Road Users Ordinance took effect, the first of its kind in Georgia; providing additional protections for bicyclists, pedestrians and others from potential dangers; and

WHEREAS, with the coronavirus pandemic, Dunwoody is experiencing all-time record numbers of people and families out together experiencing the joy of riding bicycles for recreation and fitness; and.

WHEREAS, Bike Walk Dunwoody, the League of American Bicyclists, parks and recreation departments, police departments, public health districts, hospitals, companies and civic groups will be promoting bicycling during the month of May 2023; and

WHEREAS, these groups are also promoting greater public awareness of bicycle operation and safety education in an effort to reduce collisions, injuries, and fatalities and improve health and safety for everyone on the road; and

WHEREAS, the City of Dunwoody has adopted a Complete Streets Policy to provide a network of streets and paths that offers connectivity for all users and supports the City's commitment to sustainability.

Now therefore, I, Lynn Deutsch, Mayor of Dunwoody, do hereby proclaim May 2023 as Bike Month in Dunwoody, and I urge all residents to join me in this special observance.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Dunwoody to be affixed this 8th day of May, 2023.

	Approved:
	Lynn P. Deutsch, Mayor
Attest:	
Sharon Lowery, City Clerk (SEAL)	