



*WHEREAS, millions of Americans engage in cycling because it is a viable and environmentally sound form of transportation and an excellent form of physical fitness; and*

*WHEREAS, employees, citizens and visitors have been participating in the annual Bike Week for 18 years; helping to increase public awareness for bicycling, educate the community about the benefits of bicycling for transportation purposes, and challenge people to try bicycle commuting; and*

*WHEREAS, Sun Prairie continues to make more areas in the City accessible by developing a comprehensive bike trail system to allow citizens to ride their bikes to work, to retail areas, to parks, around their neighborhoods and with friends and family to promote the personal and societal benefits achieved from biking; and*

*WHEREAS, there is a need to promote alternative forms of transportation such as walking and bicycling in order to reduce pollution, reduce America's dependence on fossil fuels, and improve the health and well-being of all people; and*

*WHEREAS, bicycling offers a unique perspective from which we can discover Wisconsin's scenic beauty, history, and culture as we travel on rural roads and through historic towns, villages, and cities.*

*NOW, THEREFORE; I, Paul T Esser, Mayor of the City of Sun Prairie, do hereby proclaim*

## ***May 16 - 22, 2022 as Bike Week***

*AND, FURTHERMORE, I encourage all citizens to recognize the importance of sharing our streets and highways with cyclists and further encourage citizens to participate in cycling activities to whatever extent possible during this week.*

*IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Sun Prairie to be affixed on this the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of May, 2022.*

*Paul T Esser, Mayor*