



STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

# Proclamation

WHEREAS, the bicycle is a viable and environmentally sound form of transportation and an excellent form of recreation; and

WHEREAS, millions of New Jerseyans will experience the joys of bicycling during the month of May through educational programs, races, commuting events, trail work days, helmet promotion, charity events or just getting out and going for a ride; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey's numerous bike routes attract hundreds of bicyclists each year, providing economic, health and scenic benefits to residents of New Jersey and beyond; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey hosts the East Coast Greenway, a major cross-country bicycle route that attracts thousands of cross-country and local bicyclists each year; and

WHEREAS, these bicycling activities and attractions have great potential to have a positive impact on New Jersey's economy and tourism industry and to stimulate economic development by making the state attractive to businesses and residents who enjoy the outdoors and healthy lifestyles; and

WHEREAS, creating bicycle-friendly communities has been shown to improve residents health, well-being and quality of life, boost community spirit, improve traffic safety, and reduce pollution and congestion; and

WHEREAS, the League of American Bicyclists, the New Jersey Bike and Walk Coalition, New Jersey's eight Transportation Management Associations, bicycle clubs, schools, parks and recreation departments, police departments, hospitals, companies and civic groups throughout New Jersey will be promoting bicycling as a leisure activity as well as an environmentally-friendly alternative to the automobile during the month of May 2015; and

WHEREAS, educating bicyclists and motorists as to the proper and safe operation of bicycles is paramount to ensuring the safety and comfort of all users;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CHRIS CHRISTIE, Governor of the State of New Jersey, do hereby proclaim:

MAY 2015  
AS  
BIKE MONTH

in New Jersey.



*Kim Guadagno*  
Lt. GOVERNOR

GIVEN, under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of New Jersey, this first day of April in the year two thousand fifteen, the two hundred thirty-ninth year of the Independence of the United States.

*Chris Christie*  
GOVERNOR