Bike Week & Ride of Silence Proclamation

WHEREAS, the City of Mason City, Iowa encourages the use of bicycles as a means of transportation; and

WHEREAS, the City of Mason City, Iowa recognizes the bicycle as a legitimate roadway vehicle and therefore is entitled to legal and responsible use of all public roadway facilities in Iowa except highways constructed to interstate standards; and

WHEREAS, the City of Mason City, Iowa recognizing the use of bicycles as a viable mode of transportation, reducing traffic congestion and noise, decreasing the use of and dependence upon finite energy sources, and fostering exercise; and endeavors to promote safe and responsible bicycling and

WHEREAS, the League of American Bicyclists has established May as National Bicycle Month, and the Mayor establishes May as Bicycle Safety Month which includes the Ride of Silence the 16th of May, 2018, and

WHEREAS, The Ride of Silence is endorsed locally by North Iowa Touring Club, North Iowa SPIN, HEALTHY – Mason City and the Active Living and Transportation Commission

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Schickel, Mayor of Mason City, Iowa do hereby proclaim May 14 to 18, 2018, as:

“Bike Week” in the City of Mason City, Iowa

And, May 16, 2018, as: “The Ride of Silence Day” in the City of Mason City, Iowa

To encourage all citizens to ride their bicycles to work, to the store, to the park, around their neighborhoods and with friends and family to promote the personal and societal benefits achieved from bicycling and to participate in the Ride of Silence.

Whereupon I subscribe my name and the seal of the City of Mason City.

Bill Schickel, Mayor