



## MAYOR PROCLAIMS MAY BIKE MONTH IN OPELIKA



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

**WHEREAS, throughout the month of May, the residents of Opelika and its visitors will experience the joys of bicycling through educational programs, races, commuting events, charity events, or by simply getting out and going for a ride; and**

**WHEREAS, Opelika’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 Opelika, 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, the Opelika Bicycle Advisory Committee, the League of American Bicyclists, schools, parks and recreation departments, police departments, public health districts, hospitals, companies and civic groups will be promoting bicycling during the month of May 2019; and**

**WHEREAS, these groups are also promoting bicycle tourism year-round to attract more visitors to enjoy our local restaurants, hotels, retail establishments, and cultural and scenic attractions; and**

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

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, Gary Fuller, Mayor of the City of Opelika, Alabama by the authority vested in me, do hereby proclaim May 2019 as “BIKE MONTH” in Opelika and urge all residents to join me in this special observance.**

**IN WITNESS, WHEREOF, I have hereunder set my hand and caused the seal of Opelika, Alabama, to be affixed this the 7th day of May 2019.**