

**PROCLAIMING MAY 2015 AS  
NATIONAL BIKE MONTH IN THE CITY OF CHULA VISTA**

**WHEREAS**, the month of May is National Bike Month, which promotes bicycle commuting, safety, and driver awareness of bicycle riders; and

**WHEREAS**, bicycling is a proven emissions-free transportation alternative that encourages active lifestyles, reduces traffic congestion, and improves the “livability” of a community; and

**WHEREAS**, Chula Vista residents can typically reduce their commute costs by bicycling to work or school, even just once a week; and

**WHEREAS**, local businesses can promote bicycling by installing bike parking and other facilities to help customers and employees commute by bicycle; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Chula Vista officially became recognized this past year as a “Bicycle-Friendly Community” by the League of American Bicyclists; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Chula Vista currently has over 120 miles of dedicated bike paths, lanes, and routes connecting neighborhoods, shopping centers, and schools, and over 45 additional miles proposed through its Bikeway Master Plan; and

**WHEREAS**, the City distributes free *Bike Chula Vista* maps at community events and hosted a bike valet as part of the Go Green & Clean Family Day on April 25<sup>th</sup> at the Otay Ranch Town Center; and

**WHEREAS**, the City and its community partners are sponsoring numerous “pit stops” around Chula Vista as part of this year’s Bike to Work Day on Friday, May 15<sup>th</sup>.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARY CASILLAS-SALAS**, 40<sup>th</sup> Mayor of the City of Chula Vista, do hereby proclaim May 2015 as **National Bike Month** and encourage commuters to use alternatives to driving alone, such as biking to work.