



# PROCLAMATION



**BICYCLE FRIENDLY  
COMMUNITY**

**August 10, 2020**

**WHEREAS**, the League of American Bicyclists have been an organization since 1880, who represent bicyclists across the United States, whose mission is to create a Bicycle Friendly America for everyone; and

**WHEREAS**, the League of American Bicyclists believes bicycling brings people together, when more people ride bikes: Life is better for everyone, Communities are safer, stronger, and better connected; Our nation is healthier, economically stronger, environmentally cleaner and more energy independent; and

**WHEREAS**, in recognizing communities across the United States who agree with the League of American Bicyclists mission, this organization created a Bicycle Friendly Community award program in 2003; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of DeKalb applied for the Bicycle Friendly Community award program in 2016 and was accepted at the bronze level award from 2016-2020; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of DeKalb has reapplied for this award for the 2020-2024 time period, to continue our commitment to being a Bicycle Friendly Community; and

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Jerry Smith, Mayor of the City of DeKalb, Illinois, do hereby proclaim DeKalb, Illinois as a Bicycle Friendly Community on August 10, 2020. I encourage all citizens to continue to ride their bicycles to work, to school, to the store, to the park, around their neighborhoods, with friends and family to promote the personal and societal benefits achieved from bicycling, and to show our continued commitment to being a Bicycle Friendly Community.



**IN WITNESS THEREOF**, I have set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of DeKalb, to be affixed this 10<sup>th</sup> day of August 2020.

Jerry Smith, Mayor