



PROCLAMATION

A PROCLAMATION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GOLETA, CALIFORNIA, PROCLAIMING JANUARY 19, 2023, AS ELECTRIC ASSISTED BIKE SAFETY AWARENESS DAY

WHEREAS, many people, young and old are discovering the joys of riding an electric assisted bicycle (e-bike for short); and

WHEREAS, there are many benefits of e-bikes, they can help to cover longer riding distances, climb steeper terrain, travel at higher speeds, enable users to travel by bike instead of car thereby helping to encourage physical activity, and reduce traffic congestion and pollution; and

WHEREAS, studies show that bicyclist safety typically increases when there are more bicyclists on the road, however, a rapid increase in less experienced, higher speed bicyclists can result in more collisions with pedestrians and other road users, leading to injury and sometimes even death; and

WHEREAS, in an effort to improve public safety, the State of California has passed e-bike safety laws that regulate who and where each type of e-bike can lawfully be ridden and that riders 17 years of age and under must always wear a helmet; and

WHEREAS, e-bikes can bring joy and a sense of freedom, but that no matter what type of bike you ride, some collisions can be avoided by practicing common sense safety including: Checking your battery, brakes, chain, and tire pressure before you ride; Wearing a helmet and visible clothing whether you are a rider or passenger; Watching your speed by riding slowly and respectfully on multi-use paths or where pedestrians are present; Riding predictably, using hand signals and keeping eye contact to communicate your movements with other vehicles; Avoiding texting, talking on the phone, or listening to loud music while riding; and Obeying traffic signs, signals, and roadway laws just as cars are required to; and

WHEREAS, in an effort to celebrate the e-bike awareness, residents can test ride e-bikes, learn more safety tips, and enter to win an e-bike and other great prizes on January 19 from 5pm to 8pm on the State Street Promenade at De La Guerra Street in downtown Santa Barbara.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, on this 17th day of January 2023, the City Council of the City of Goleta, California, does hereby proclaim Thursday, January 19, 2023, as E-Bike Safety Awareness Day and encourages residents to learn more about this emerging popular activity.

APPROVED this 17th Day of January 2023




PAULA PEROTTE
MAYOR