

PROCLAMATION

the city of **RIDGELAND**



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

WHEREAS, the bicycle is a viable and environmentally sound form of transportation, and an excellent form of recreation; and

WHEREAS, millions of Americans will experience the joys of bicycling during the month of May through individual and group rides and commuting events; and

WHEREAS, Americans in record numbers are turning to bicycling for transportation, recreation and exercise; and

WHEREAS, bicycling will enhance your physical health, improve your mental outlook and overall quality of life; and

WHEREAS, the keys to bicycle safety are the education and cooperative understanding of properly sharing the road with motorists and vehicles, traffic handling skills, communication between cyclists and motorists, obeying traffic laws and the rules of the road; and

WHEREAS, the City of Ridgeland has joined with the Ridgeland Cycling Club and Jackson Metro Cyclists in declaring May to be Bicycle Safety Month; and

WHEREAS, bicyclists of all ages throughout the City of Ridgeland, the State of Mississippi and the nation will be promoting bicycling as an environmentally-friendly alternative to the automobile and a wholesome leisurely activity during the month of May.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GENE F. MCGEE, Mayor of the City of Ridgeland, do hereby proclaim May as

BICYCLE SAFETY MONTH

I urge all residents as motorists or bicyclists to respect cycling and encourage safety throughout our community. Bicycling has a wide range of benefits for the cyclists as well as the community-at-large, including saving money and time, reducing traffic and improving health and fitness.

President, Jackson Metro Cyclists

Ridgeland Bicycle Advocate

Exec. Director, Bikewalk Mississippi

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this the
4th day of May in the year of
our Lord, 2013

GENE F. MCGEE, MAYOR

