



# CERTIFICATE of RECOGNITION

*By virtue of the authority vested by the Constitution in the Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia, there is hereby officially recognized:*

## **BICYCLIST AND PEDESTRIAN AWARENESS MONTH**

**WHEREAS**, there were more than 1,000 traffic fatalities in the Commonwealth of Virginia in 2022; and

**WHEREAS**, of the more than 1,000 traffic fatalities that occurred in 2022, one hundred seventy-one pedestrians and 11 bicyclists died as the result of traffic accidents in Virginia; and

**WHEREAS**, the 171 pedestrians who were killed in collisions with motor vehicles last year comprised 17 percent of all traffic fatalities in the Commonwealth; and

**WHEREAS**, the 11 bicyclists killed last year comprised just over 1 percent of all traffic fatalities in the Commonwealth; and

**WHEREAS**, motorists, bicyclists, and pedestrians have reciprocal rights and responsibilities and should afford one another mutual respect while traveling on the roadways of Virginia; and

**WHEREAS**, pedestrians are urged to wear reflective clothing and walk, jog, or run on the side of the road facing traffic, and bicyclists should use lights, reflectors, and wear bright clothing to be more visible; and


**WHEREAS**, motorists shall pass bicyclists at a reasonable speed at least three feet to the left of the overtaken bicycle or change lanes if there is not three feet of clearance; and

**WHEREAS**, all road users should avoid distraction so that they may safely share the road with one another; and

**WHEREAS**, Bicyclist and Pedestrian Awareness Month brings attention to the importance of sharing the road to reduce the number of crashes, injuries, and fatalities in the Commonwealth;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I**, Glenn Youngkin, do hereby recognize October 2023, as **BICYCLIST AND PEDESTRIAN AWARENESS MONTH** in the COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA, and I call this observance to the attention of all our citizens.



  
Governor

  
Secretary of the Commonwealth