



**Bike Week Proclamation, November 2-8, 2015, Milledgeville, GA
By Mayor Gary Thrower**

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

Whereas, the City of Milledgeville encourages the use of bicycles as a means of transportation; and

Whereas, the Oconee River Greenway, the Fishing Creek Community Trail and the Selma Erwin Trail attract thousands of bicyclists each year, providing economic, health and scenic benefits to citizens of Milledgeville and the world; and

Whereas, Milledgeville hosts bike events that attract hundreds of cross-country and local bicyclists each year, including the April Fools Ride, the Red Clay Ramble and the Bicycle Ride Across Georgia; and

Whereas, Milledgeville has been chosen by Georgia Bikes to host the 2015 Georgia Bike Summit: Bikes Mean Business November 6 to 8; and

Whereas, these bicycling activities and attractions have great potential to have a positive impact on Milledgeville's economy and tourism industry and to stimulate economic development by making the city attractive to businesses and citizens who enjoy healthy lifestyles; and

Whereas, creating bicycle-friendly communities has been shown to improve citizens' health, well-being, and quality of life, to boost community spirit, to improve traffic safety, and to reduce pollution and congestion; and

Whereas, the Department of Public Works is a major contributor in the planning and implementation of Milledgeville's bicycle infrastructure; implementing a new 1.25 mile shared lane bike route on Greene Street, hanging banners promoting bicycle use, installing parking for 66 bikes and 2 bicycle repair stations, and whose plans to install 1.5 miles of additional buffered bikes lanes are contributing to Milledgeville's recognition as a Bicycle Friendly City; and

Whereas, "Open Streets Milledgeville" will take place November 8 from 1:00 to 3:00 on Greene Street as the culmination of the Bike Summit and in celebration of the City's new bicycle facilities.

Now therefore, I Gary Thrower, as Mayor of the City of Milledgeville, proclaim the week of November 2 to 8, 2015 as "Bike Week" in the City of Milledgeville.