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## Bicycle Month

The bicycle has been a recognized form of transportation and recreation in Alaska since the Klondike Gold Rush.

U.S. Census figures show that a greater proportion of Alaskans bike to work than does the nation as a whole. Another survey shows that 85 percent of Alaska households own at least one bicycle.

The bicycle is a viable and environmentally-sound form of transportation, as well as an excellent form of recreation and physical activity.

Many Alaskans will experience the joys of bicycling this summer through educational programs, commuting events, trail workdays, helmet promotions, recreational bike rides, and other bicycling events.

Alaskans in record numbers are turning to bicycling for transportation, recreation, and exercise. The bicycle offers a clean, quiet, affordable, and healthy alternative to automobile commuting.

The national nonprofit League of American Bicyclists has declared the month of May as National Bike Month for the last 46 years, and has done so again in 2003.

Bicycle clubs, schools, parks and recreation departments, police departments, hospitals, businesses, and civic groups throughout Alaska will be promoting bicycling as a wholesome transportation and leisure activity, as well as an environmentally friendly alternative to the automobile.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Frank H. Murkowski, Governor of the State of Alaska, do hereby proclaim May 2003, as:

Bicycle Month

in Alaska, and encourage all Alaskans to participate in bicycling events planned in their communities.

Dated: April 28, 2003

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