A PROCLAMATION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOLEDAD PROCLAIMING JUNE 4, 2025 AS WORLD BIKE DAY

WHEREAS, the United Nations declared June 3 as World Bicycle Day in 2018 to recognize the bicycle's longevity, versatility, and contribution to sustainable development and social inclusion; and

WHEREAS, the humble bicycle has long served as an emblem of freedom, health, and sustainability, offering a simple, affordable, and reliable means of transportation for people of all ages and backgrounds; and

WHEREAS, bicycles offer an economical, healthy, and environmentally responsible transportation option while also serving as a source of recreation and a means of experiencing the scenic beauty of the City of Soledad; and

WHEREAS, the use of bicycles benefits public health, improves air quality, alleviates traffic congestion, reduces infrastructure maintenance costs, and enhances safety and accessibility for all road users; and

WHEREAS, the Transportation Agency for Monterey County (TAMC) has been a strong advocate for active transportation in the County and has supported and funded various initiatives in Soledad to enhance bike infrastructure, including the West Street Complete Streets Project; and

WHEREAS, the 2025 global theme, "Cycling for a Sustainable Future," highlights the role of bicycles in reducing carbon emissions, promoting health equity, and building resilient, connected communities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of Soledad proclaims June 4, 2025, as "World Bicycle Day" in the City of Soledad and encourages residents to ride their bikes or consider serving on TAMC's Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee to help make Soledad a more bike-friendly city.