



## City of Grand Rapids, Michigan

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

GEORGE K. HEARTWELL  
MAYOR

May 21, 2014

# PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, what began as a one-time event in 2003 to honor a fallen bicyclist is now an international phenomenon occurring around the globe; and

WHEREAS, The Ride of Silence is a silent, slow-paced bicycle ride to honor those who have been injured or killed while cycling on public roadways; and

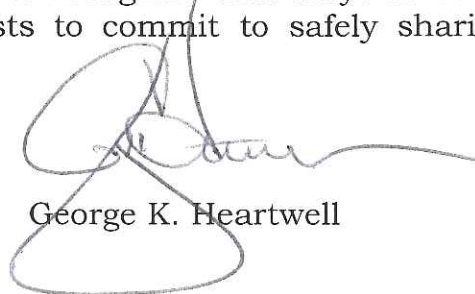
WHEREAS, composed of many but riding as one, The Ride of Silence is a quiet call to the public announcing that bicycle safety is the responsibility of all users of public roads; and

WHEREAS, the City of Grand Rapids is committed to providing a safe bicycle environment and proudly supports the Ride of Silence;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, George K. Heartwell, Mayor of the City of Grand Rapids, do hereby recognize

## ***THE RIDE OF SILENCE***

as an event to remind all citizens to recognize that bicycles belong on public roadways and ask motorists to commit to safely sharing our roadways with cyclists.



George K. Heartwell

