WHEREAS, access to mobility is a fundamental part of health and community connection, allowing ***INSERT JURISDICTION NAME HERE*** to reach education and employment opportunities, medical services, shopping, recreation, and visit friends and family, and is one of the state's six transportation system policy goals, including investing public dollars to improve the movement of people throughout  ***INSERT JURISDICTION NAME HERE***; and

WHEREAS, as the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics estimates the cost of owning a car is approximately 72 cents a mile, with average household spending on transportation reaching $10,961 a year in 2021, many people cannot afford the cost of a car, and nearly a third of the people residing in the US do not have a driver's license, either because of their age or a condition that does not allow them to drive; and

WHEREAS, transportation represents the largest source of greenhouse gas emissions in the United States, and in order to meet our state's greenhouse gas emission reduction goals, we must reduce emissions in our transportation sector; and

WHEREAS, in addition to greenhouse gas emissions, cars also create tire dust that can enter watersheds; have necessitated freeway expansions that have been detrimental to neighborhoods historically home to communities of color; and require impervious surfaces for parking, with an estimated 3.4 parking spaces for every car in the United States, all of which have contributed to transportation being an important environmental justice concern; and

WHEREAS, going a week without driving is great way to understand how we can improve our current transportation system to better meet the needs of ***INSERT RESIDENTS OF CITY/STATE/COUNTY HERE*** and improve and enhance transportation options such as transit, light rail, biking, and walking pathways as key strategies in our decarbonization efforts;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ***NAME, TITLE OF GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL HERE*,** do hereby proclaim September 30-October 6, 2023 as Week Without Driving, and I encourage all people in our ***INSERT CITY/STATE/COUNTY HERE*** to join me in this special observance.