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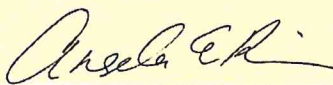
- WHEREAS, on average, public transit provides almost one-quarter of one billion passenger trips in Washington each year; and
- WHEREAS, public transportation investments generate 31 percent more jobs per dollar than new construction of roads and bridges.<sup>1</sup> Investment in transit can yield 49,700 jobs per \$1 billion invested and offers a five to one economic return; and
- WHEREAS, transit in Washington state today reduces 371,000 metric tons of CO2 emission per year. If all people driving alone were to shift to transit, we could save 130,000 metric tons of CO2 emissions per year which is approximately equal to 28,272 passenger vehicles driven for one year. And every \$1M invested in Washington state transit equates to 102,000 metric tons of CO2 reduction; and
- WHEREAS, Transit trips are 10 times safer per mile than car trips, and a person can reduce their chance of being in an accident by more than 90 percent simply by taking public transit as opposed to commuting by car; and
- WHEREAS, almost 25 percent of Washingtonians cannot or do not drive and may rely on public transit; and
- WHEREAS, the City of Redmond has 15 bus routes and three frequent transit routes that run every 15 minutes
- WHEREAS, over 23,000 employees who work in Redmond are offered ORCA transit passes through their employer; and
- WHEREAS, riding transit improves traffic by increasing mobility and travel options in Redmond;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ANGELA BIRNEY, Mayor of the City of Redmond, Washington, do hereby proclaim the month of June 2022 as,

**RIDE TRANSIT MONTH**

Accordingly, I encourage our residents to observe Ride Transit Month with appropriate events and activities to promote public transportation.



  
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Angela Birney, Mayor

June 1, 2022  
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