



**PROCLAMATION
RIDE TO WORK DAY
WEDNESDAY, JULY 19, 2006**

WHEREAS, Ride to Work Day was inspired by "Work to Ride - Ride to Work" marketing materials created between 1989 and 1991 by a Minnesota based manufacturer of motorcycle riders clothing; and

WHEREAS, the first Ride to Work Day event was July 22, 1992; and the event continued to grow as an informal grass roots demonstration until 2000 when the non-profit organization Ride to Work, Inc. was formed to organize and promote Ride to Work Day; and

WHEREAS, the mission of Ride to Work, Inc. is to advocate and support the use of motorcycles for transportation and to provide information about transportation riding to the public; and

WHEREAS, for many people riding motorcycles or scooters is an economical, efficient and socially responsible form of mobility that saves energy, helps the environment, and provides a broad range of other public benefits; and

WHEREAS, according to the United States Census Bureau and the Department of Transportation, over eighty million cars and light trucks are used for daily commuting on American roads and approximately 200,000 motorcycles and scooters are a regular part of this mix. On Ride to Work Day, the practical side of riding becomes more visible as a larger number of America's 8,000,000 cycles are ridden to work; and

WHEREAS, Ride to Work Day helps demonstrate how motorcycles and scooters make parking easier and traffic flow better, motorcyclists reach their destinations in less time than those using automobiles, and motorcycles and scooters consume less resources per mile than automobiles and take up less space on roads.

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Taft does hereby proclaim Wednesday, July 19, 2006, as Ride to Work Day in the City of Taft in recognition of the positive value of riding motorcycles and scooters and encourage motorcycle and scooter enthusiasts to ride to work on this day.

Cliff Thompson, Mayor

Dave Noerr
Mayor Pro Tem

Paul Linder
Council Member

Randy Miller
Council Member

Craig Noble
Council Member