Whereas in 2009, the Oregon Scenic Bikeways program was created, making Oregon the first state in the nation with such a program; and
Whereas during the past decade, the State Parks and Recreation Department, which administers the program, has designated 17 official scenic bikeways across Oregon; and
Whereas Oregon is a beautiful place for cycling, and this state’s scenic bikeways offer the best routes to experience this state’s magnificent landscapes, cultural treasures and hospitality; and
Whereas Oregon’s scenic bikeways cross rivers on historic covered bridges, rise through majestic mountains, wind through lush valleys and offer breathtaking ocean vistas; and
Whereas scenic bikeways can be found in every region of this state and offer cyclists routes ranging in difficulty from casual recreational rides to extreme challenges for experienced cyclists; and
Whereas cyclists currently complete an estimated 80,000 rides annually on Oregon’s scenic bikeways; and
Whereas each scenic bikeway in Oregon is supported by a community group with tremendous local pride that helps to maintain and promote the scenic bikeway and to provide the best possible cycling experience for Oregonians and visitors from outside the State of Oregon; and
Whereas the Oregon Scenic Bikeways program helps sustain strong rural economies, annually generating more than $12 million in revenues from lodging and food and retail purchases, supporting 150 jobs with a payroll of $3.4 million and returning $450,000 in local and state tax receipts; and
Whereas 2019 marks the 10th anniversary of this innovative and still unique program; now, therefore,

Be It Resolved by the Legislative Assembly of the State of Oregon:

That we, the members of the Eightieth Legislative Assembly, designate May 12 to 18, 2019, as Oregon Scenic Bikeways Week; and be it further
Resolved, That we encourage all Oregonians to join in celebrating Oregon’s scenic bikeways and to experience for themselves these unique and beautiful bikeways.