

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, our transportation system relies largely on cars, and driving alone produces more pollution and costs more money over time than utilizing alternative methods of transportation; and

WHEREAS, our system also includes alternative methods of transportation such as walking, bicycling, buses, car-sharing, carpools and vanpools; and

WHEREAS, Vermonters and the nation face a mounting number of health concerns, some of which may be addressed by using alternative forms of transportation that encourage physical activity, an important part of daily life; and

WHEREAS, Vermont's beauty is tied to clean air and water, and reducing pollution from automobiles will help protect these assets; and

WHEREAS, *Way to Go! Commuter Challenge* has garnered the support of businesses and participants to encourage the use of cheaper, healthier, and more earth-friendly transportation alternatives to driving alone; and

WHEREAS, in an effort to reduce pollution and driving costs and to improve the environment and the health of Vermonters, *Way to Go! Statewide Commuter Challenge* regional organizing partners, including the Chittenden County Regional Planning Commission, Go Vermont, VTrans, Chittenden County Transportation Authority, Lake Champlain Committee, Local Motion, the Campus Area Transportation Management Association, Community Climate Action, Vermont Energy Investment Corporation, the City of Burlington, Safe Routes to School, and CarShare Vermont are committed to continue expanding the use and awareness of transportation alternatives to solo car commuting; and

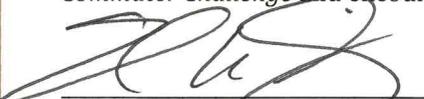
WHEREAS, having just returned from the first ever Mayor's Multi-Modal Tour/*Way to Go!* kickoff, taking advantage of Burlington's incredible system of sustainable transportation, from bike lanes to a great bus system, from the incredible amenity that is the Church Street Marketplace, and a car-sharing system that is the envy of many larger cities; and

WHEREAS, I look forward, as Mayor, to improving our multi-modal system to further enhance our quality of life and economic opportunities; and

THEREFORE, I Miro Weinberger, Mayor of the City of Burlington, Vermont do hereby proclaim May 10, 2012 as

2012 Way to Go! Commuter Challenge Day

In the City of Burlington and ask all Burlington citizens to participate in the *Way to Go! Commuter Challenge* and encourage my fellow Vermonters to join us as well.


Miro Weinberger, Mayor

