
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 737 Session of
2008

INTRODUCED BY FRANKEL, BEYER, BOYD, BRENNAN, CALTAGIRONE, COHEN, CREIGHTON, DALEY, DIGIROLAMO, DONATUCCI, FLECK, FREEMAN, GALLOWAY, GEIST, GEORGE, GIBBONS, GILLESPIE, GINGRICH, GRUCELA, HARHART, HARKINS, HARPER, HELM, HENNESSEY, HERSHEY, HESS, KILLION, KORTZ, KULA, MAJOR, MANDERINO, MANN, MELIO, MICOZZIE, MILLARD, R. MILLER, MOYER, MUSTIO, O'NEILL, PAYNE, PHILLIPS, QUINN, RAMALEY, READSHAW, REED, REICHLEY, ROCK, ROSS, RUBLEY, SAINATO, SAMUELSON, SANTONI, SAYLOR, SCAVELLO, SIPTROTH, SWANGER, TRUE, VULAKOVICH, J. WHITE, MCCALL, CONKLIN AND MURT, MAY 12, 2008

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
MAY 12, 2008

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating May 16, 2008, as "Bike to Work Day" in Pennsylvania.

2 WHEREAS, The national nonprofit bicycling safety and
3 education association, the League of American Bicyclists, has
4 declared the month of May to be "National Bike Month"; and

5 WHEREAS, The League of American Bicyclists has declared May
6 12 through 16, 2008, as "Bike-to-Work Week" and May 16, 2008, as
7 "Bike to Work Day"; and

8 WHEREAS, Friends of bicycling throughout this Commonwealth
9 will be promoting bicycling as a wholesome, leisurely activity
10 as well as an environmentally friendly alternative to the
11 automobile during the month; and

12 WHEREAS, Bicycling and other forms of exercise which increase
13 flexibility and the heart rate for at least 30 minutes each day

1 are vital to wellness and to physical, emotional, intellectual
2 and spiritual health; and

3 WHEREAS, The consumption of almost one billion gallons of
4 gasoline could be saved each year if all drivers would
5 substitute bicycles for cars in short commutes to work or
6 shopping just once every two weeks; and

7 WHEREAS, In addition, this Commonwealth is home to 93 rail
8 trails totaling approximately 1,000 miles, and currently, the
9 creation of more than 600 additional miles of rail trails are in
10 progress; and

11 WHEREAS, The Bureau of State Parks strives to develop safe
12 bike trails in State parks which feature a variety of trail
13 sizes, terrains and scenic views and which allow access to many
14 resources, facilities and activities found within each park; and

15 WHEREAS, The Department of Transportation, in cooperation
16 with local municipalities, realizes and promotes the importance
17 of bicycle safety and the department has included on its
18 Internet website the Pennsylvania Bicycle Driver's Manual and
19 the Bicycling Directory of Pennsylvania; therefore be it

20 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate May 16,
21 2008, as "Bike to Work Day" in Pennsylvania and urge all
22 citizens to participate in the events planned.