
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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APRIL 28, 2017

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
APRIL 28, 2017

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the month of May 2017 as "Bike Month," the week of
2 May 15 through 19, 2017, as "Bike to Work Week" and May 19,
3 2017, as "Bike to Work Day" in Pennsylvania.

4 WHEREAS, Riding a bicycle is an excellent form of exercise
5 that improves mental and physical health and is part of a
6 healthy lifestyle for men, women and children to travel between
7 home, school and work; and

8 WHEREAS, Considering that bicycle riders and motor vehicle
9 operators share many of the same roads, it is important to
10 ensure everyone's safety by educating cyclists and motorists
11 regarding the proper and safe operation of bicycles; and

12 WHEREAS, The Commonwealth seeks to promote energy-efficient
13 and green-friendly technologies to enhance and sustain
14 Pennsylvanians' quality of life and to make its communities more
15 livable, and bicycling is an integral element in these plans;
16 and

1 WHEREAS, Bicycle commuting is an effective means to improve
2 air quality, reduce traffic congestion and noise and to conserve
3 energy; and

4 WHEREAS, Bicycle commuting benefits both employees and
5 employers through better employee health and fitness and a
6 reduction in commuting, parking and health care costs; and

7 WHEREAS, Companies and other organizations that participate
8 in "Bike to Work Week" help to build morale and encourage
9 camaraderie among their employees; and

10 WHEREAS, When compared to sedentary employees, physically
11 active employees are known to be typically more alert, take
12 fewer sick days and are more productive; and

13 WHEREAS, Biking to work provides an efficient and enjoyable
14 means of getting much-needed regular exercise without having to
15 set aside additional time before or after the workday to work
16 out; and

17 WHEREAS, People who bike to work typically arrive faster than
18 their driving counterparts, particularly if the commute is a
19 distance of three miles or less, and have equal or better
20 commuter times for distances of five to seven miles in urban
21 areas; and

22 WHEREAS, A lack of incentives and knowledge about the
23 benefits of biking to work often discourages many employees from
24 commuting by bicycle, even though more than half of United
25 States workers live within five miles of their workplace; and

26 WHEREAS, Many studies show the benefit to local economies
27 from cyclists buying local goods and services when communities
28 support cycling infrastructure investments; and

29 WHEREAS, "Bike to Work" events encourage approximately one in
30 five new participants to change their method of transportation

1 by biking to work on a regular basis; and

2 WHEREAS, The League of American Bicyclists noted that the
3 communities of Franklin, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Reading,
4 State College and York have made an investment in their
5 communities by strengthening bicycling infrastructure in their
6 regions and has designated them Bicycle Friendly Communities;
7 therefore be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the
9 month of May 2017 as "Bike Month" in Pennsylvania; and be it
10 further;

11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the
12 week of May 15 through 19, 2017, as "Bike to Work Week" in
13 Pennsylvania; and be it further

14 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate May 19,
15 2017, as "Bike to Work Day" in Pennsylvania and join with
16 Franklin, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Reading, State College, York
17 and other communities across this Commonwealth to encourage all
18 residents to participate in the events planned in this
19 Commonwealth.