THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the month of May 2020 as "Bike Month," the week of
2   May 11 through 17, 2020, as "Bike to Work Week" and May 15,
3   2020, 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 conserve

3 energy; and

4   WHEREAS, Bicycle commuting benefits employees and employers

5 through better employee health and fitness and a reduction in

6 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 be 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 Bethlehem, Camp Hill, Franklin, Philadelphia,

4 Pittsburgh, Reading, State College and York have made an

5 investment in their communities by strengthening bicycling

6 infrastructure in their regions and has designated them Bicycle

7 Friendly Communities; therefore be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the

9 month of May 2020 as "Bike Month" in Pennsylvania; and be it

10 further

11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the

12 week of May 11 through 17, 2020, as "Bike to Work Week" in

13 Pennsylvania; and be it further

14 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate May 15,

15 2020, as "Bike to Work Day" in Pennsylvania and join with

16 Bethlehem, Camp Hill, Franklin, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh,

17 Reading, State College, York and other communities across this

18 Commonwealth to encourage all residents to participate in the

19 events planned in this Commonwealth.