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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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HOHENSTEIN, KHAN, KINSEY, MADSEN, BURGOS, MERSKI, HILL-EVANS,  
CURRY, HADDOCK, MENTZER, KAZEEM AND GREINER, MAY 20, 2024

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, MAY 20, 2024

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A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the month of May 2024 as "Bike Month," the week of  
2 May 13 through 19, 2024, as "Bike to Work Week" and May 17,  
3 2024, 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 a 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 Pennsylvanian's quality of life and to make its communities more  
15 livable, and bicycling is an integral element in these plans;  
16 and

17 WHEREAS, Bicycle commuting is an effective means to improve  
18 air quality, reduce traffic congestion and noise and conserve

1 energy; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

27 WHEREAS, "Bike to Work" events encourage approximately one in  
28 five new participants to change their method of transportation  
29 by biking to work on a regular basis; and

30 WHEREAS, The League of American Bicyclists noted that the

1 communities of Bethlehem, Camp Hill, Franklin, Philadelphia,  
2 Pittsburgh, Reading, State College and York have made an  
3 investment in their communities by strengthening bicycling  
4 infrastructure in their regions and has designated them Bicycle  
5 Friendly Communities; therefore be it

6       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the  
7 month of May 2024 as "Bike Month" in Pennsylvania; and be it  
8 further

9       RESOLVED, That the week of May 13 through 19, 2024, be  
10 designated as "Bike to Work Week" in Pennsylvania; and be it  
11 further

12       RESOLVED, That May 17, 2024, be designated as "Bike to Work  
13 Day" in Pennsylvania; and be it further

14       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives join with  
15 Bethlehem, Camp Hill, Franklin, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh,  
16 Reading, State College, York and other communities across this  
17 Commonwealth to encourage all residents to participate in the  
18 events planned in this Commonwealth.