

A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

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COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

February 5, 2019

To recognize the importance of public transportation in the District of Columbia, encourage the use of traveling by bus, and to declare February 4, 2019 as “Bus to Work Day” in the District of Columbia.

WHEREAS, thousands of District residents rely on public transit buses to provide safe, efficient, and dependable transportation to work, school, shopping centers, and various appointments each and every day;

WHEREAS, public transportation is an immediate way to conserve energy and support the environment by improved air quality, stimulation of local economies and business centers, and reduced road congestion;

WHEREAS, for every passenger mile traveled, public transportation is twice as fuel-efficient as private automobiles;

WHEREAS, buses emit 20% less carbon monoxide, 10% as much hydrocarbons, and 75% as much nitrogen oxides per passenger mile than an automobile with a single occupant;

WHEREAS, the National Safety Council estimates that riding the bus is over 170 times safer than automobile travel;

WHEREAS, traveling by bus is financially responsible, and saves on monthly expenses by cutting back on gas, car payments, insurance, and car maintenance;

WHEREAS, increased bus ridership will benefit the District by improved air quality, decreased congestion, cost and time savings, and increased social connections;

WHEREAS, “Bus to Work Day” encourages trips by transit, and promotes broader community sustainability and climate goals; and

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WHEREAS, “Bus to Work Day” coincides with Transit Equity Day, a collaborative effort of several organizations and unions to promote public transit as a civil right and a strategy to combat climate change.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the “Bus to Work Day Recognition Resolution of 2019”.

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes the importance of public transportation, encourages District residents and visitors to travel by bus, and declares February 4, 2019 as “Bus to Work Day” in the District of Columbia.

Sec. 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon the first date of publication in the District of Columbia Register.