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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,  
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A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the month of May 2015 as "Bike Month," the week of  
2 May 11 through 15, 2015, as "Bike to Work Week" and May 15,  
3 2015, 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;

1 and

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

5 WHEREAS, Bicycle commuting benefits both employees and  
6 employers through better employee health and fitness and  
7 reducing commuting, parking and health care costs; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

1       WHEREAS, Bike to Work events encourage approximately one-in-  
2 five of new participants to change their method of  
3 transportation by biking to work on a regular basis; and

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

9       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the  
10 month of May 2015 as "Bike Month" in Pennsylvania; and be it  
11 further;

12       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the  
13 week of May 11 through 15, 2015, as "Bike to Work Week" in  
14 Pennsylvania; and be it further

15       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate May 15,  
16 2015, as "Bike to Work Day" in Pennsylvania and join with  
17 Franklin, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, State College, York and  
18 other communities across this Commonwealth to encourage all  
19 residents to participate in the events planned in this  
20 Commonwealth.