

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35, MAY 15, 2013

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating May 17, 2013, as "Bike to Work Day" in Pennsylvania,
 2 the week of May 13 through 17, 2013, as "Bike to Work Week"
 3 in Pennsylvania and the month of May 2013 as "Bike Month" in
 4 Pennsylvania.

5 WHEREAS, The League of American Bicyclists has declared May
 6 13 through 17, 2013, as "Bike to Work Week"; and

7 WHEREAS, During this week, bicycling enthusiasts throughout
 8 the nation will be encouraging employers to hold events that
 9 encourage employees to ride their bicycles to work as a
 10 healthful, economical means of commuting that is friendlier to
 11 the environment than driving a motor vehicle; and

12 WHEREAS, Companies and other organizations that participate
 13 in Bike to Work Week help to build morale and encourage
 14 camaraderie among their employees; and

15 WHEREAS, When compared to sedentary employees, physically
 16 active employees are known to be typically more alert, take

1 fewer sick days and are more productive; and

2 WHEREAS, Biking to work provides an efficient and enjoyable
3 means of getting much needed regular exercise without having to
4 set aside additional time before or after the workday to work
5 out; and

6 WHEREAS, Biking reduces each individual's carbon footprint,
7 helps to reduce traffic congestion and can save commuters money
8 on fuel and other expenses associated with driving to work; and

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

14 WHEREAS, A lack of incentive and a lack of knowledge about
15 the benefits of biking to work often discourage many employees
16 from commuting by bicycle, even though more than half of the
17 United States population live within five miles of their
18 workplaces; and

19 WHEREAS, It has become evident to many Americans that it
20 makes good economic sense to bike to work as an alternative to
21 driving; and

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

25 WHEREAS, Based on past Bike to Work events, one in five
26 participants will likely choose to change the participant's
27 method of transportation by biking to work on a regular basis;
28 and

29 WHEREAS, The League of American Bicyclists noted that the
30 communities of Franklin, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh and State

1 College have made an investment in their communities by
2 strengthening bicycling infrastructure in their regions and has
3 designated them "Bicycle Friendly Communities (BFC)"; therefore
4 be it

5 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate May 17,
6 2013, as "Bike to Work Day" in Pennsylvania; and be it further

7 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the
8 week of May 13 through 17, 2013, as "Bike to Work Week" in
9 Pennsylvania; and be it further

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the
11 month of May 2013 as "Bike Month" in Pennsylvania and join with
12 Franklin, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, State College and other
13 communities across this Commonwealth to encourage all citizens
14 to participate in the events planned in this Commonwealth.