

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO.138

Reps. Cambensy, Sowerby, Chirkun, Howell, Gay-Dagnogo, Clemente, Cherry, Garza, Haadsma, Hope, Jones, Kahle, Kuppa, Lasinski, Love, Manoogian, Pagan, Sabo, Shannon, Slagh, Sneller, Stone and Warren offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to declare June 22, 2019, as Michigan Mountain
2 Biking Day in the state of Michigan.

3 Whereas, World-class biking experiences can be found in the
4 over 1,300 miles of mountain biking trails scattered throughout the
5 state of Michigan—from the tip of the Keweenaw Peninsula to metro
6 Detroit; and

7 Whereas, Michigan is home to a variety of trail challenges
8 including expert-level tracks with edgy bedrock and roots to smooth
9 flowing switchbacks. The diversity of Michigan's single-track
10 brings together every type of biker from beginners to world



1 champion racers. Michigan's diverse trails allow every cyclist to
2 find a trail that best suits their interests and comfort level; and

3 Whereas, Michigan proudly is home to two International
4 Mountain Bicycling Association Ride Centers, Copper Harbor and
5 Marquette. Only 40 of these mountain bike towns exist in the world.
6 The Copper Harbor and Marquette Ride Centers have been
7 internationally recognized for their exemplary design and
8 incredible rider experience. Additionally, the Copper Harbor trails
9 have been rated among the best in the country by National
10 Geographic and the Marquette trail system has been nationally
11 recognized by USA Today; and

12 Whereas, Michigan is also home to an International Mountain
13 Bicycling Association Epic trail, the High Country Pathway in the
14 Pigeon River Country State Forest near Vanderbilt. Only 42 IMBA
15 Epic trails exist in the United States. This 70-mile trail is known
16 for its backcountry adventure and elk viewing experiences; and

17 Whereas, The state's mountain biking trails connect thousands
18 of residents and visitors to the local economy. According to the
19 Outdoor Industry Foundation, nearly 45 million Americans mountain
20 bike each year. In Copper Harbor alone, their trails bring in more
21 than 20,000 bikers annually. The mountain biking tourism industry
22 provides a healthy boost to the Michigan communities who maintain
23 our renowned trails; and

24 Whereas, Michigan mountain biking trails provide healthy, fun
25 activities for all ages and connect bikers to the natural wonders
26 of Michigan's environment. Mountain biking trails in the state
27 provide unique opportunities for riders to experience up-close all
28 that our wilderness and lakes have to offer; now, therefore, be it

29 Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of

- 1 this legislative body declare June 22, 2019, as Michigan Mountain
- 2 Biking Day in the state of Michigan.