

## HOUSE RESOLUTION NO.294

Reps. Rogers, Haadsma, Hope, Kahle, Morse, Sneller, Sowerby, Stone, Weiss, Witwer and Young offered the following resolution:

1       A resolution to declare May 2022 as Bike Month in the state of  
2 Michigan.

3       Whereas, An estimated two million Michiganders ride bicycles  
4 because they are a viable and environmentally sound form of  
5 transportation and recreation, an excellent form of fitness, and  
6 they help improve quality of life, sense of place, and connect us  
7 all as one Michigan; and

8       Whereas, Riding a bicycle is an excellent form of exercise  
9 that improves mental and physical health and is part of a healthy  
10 lifestyle for individuals; and

11       Whereas, Thousands of people throughout Michigan will  
12 experience the joys of bicycling during the month of May through

1 educational programs, commuting events, trail workdays, helmet  
2 promotions, and charity rides; and

3       Whereas, Commuting by bicycle benefits both employees and  
4 employers through improved employee health and fitness and a  
5 reduction in commuting costs; and

6       Whereas, Bicycle commuting is an effective way to improve air  
7 quality, reduce traffic congestion, and conserve energy; and

8       Whereas, In 2022, thousands of cyclists from across the  
9 country will participate in hundreds of organized Michigan cycling  
10 events to experience our beautiful scenery, many parks,  
11 attractions, and historic sites; and

12       Whereas, Cycling provides an economic benefit to Michigan's  
13 economy, including employment, retail revenue, tourism expenditure,  
14 and increased health and productivity; and

15       Whereas, Bicyclists are legal roadway users and teaching  
16 bicyclists and motorists to co-exist on the road is important to  
17 ensure the safety and comfort of all users; and

18       Whereas, According to Smart Growth America (SGA) Michigan has  
19 one of the most complete streets efforts in place and ranks 6th in  
20 the with 108 polices statewide; and

21       Whereas, Michigan is known as the top trail state joining  
22 together our upper and lower peninsula with the greatest number of  
23 rail-trail mileage at more than 2,700 miles, along with nearly  
24 2,000 miles of looped mountain biking trails on state-managed lands  
25 linking the vibrant city of Detroit to the majestic hills of Iron  
26 Mountain, in addition to the internationally recognized mountain  
27 biking trail network in Copper Harbor or the Slow Roll in Detroit;  
28 and

29       Whereas, Michigan has thirteen recognized Bicycle Friendly

1 Communities, nine Bicycle Friendly Universities, thirty Bicycle  
2 Friendly Businesses, is ranked as the 15th most Bicycle Friendly  
3 State by the League of American Bicyclists, and has been recognized  
4 as having one of the oldest known established bike clubs formed in  
5 the late 1800s; and

6       Whereas, Michigan has hundreds of bicycle shops and dozens of  
7 bike clubs and bicycle-related industries; and

8       Whereas, Michigan has three officially designated cross state  
9 U.S. Bicycle Routes (USBR). These cross-state USBR total nearly  
10 1,000 miles; and

11       Whereas, Michigan is a leader of inclusive cycling  
12 opportunities which demonstrate that everyone can ride; and

13       Whereas, Michigan's own Horatio Earle led the Good Roads  
14 Movement that banded millions of American bicyclists together to  
15 promote safer cycling, which resulted in the creation of the  
16 Michigan State Highway Department (now MDOT) and Woodward Avenue  
17 becoming the first mile of concrete highway in the world; now,  
18 therefore, be it

19       Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of  
20 this legislative body declare May 2022 as Bike Month in the state  
21 of Michigan; and be it further

22       Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to  
23 Secretary of State Jocelyn Benson.