

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 99

Reps. Rogers, LaGrand, Manoogian, Bolden, Anthony, Slagh, Bezotte, Aiyash, Brabec, Liberati, Cynthia Johnson, Hood, Cavanagh, O'Neal, Breen, Griffin, Sabo, Rabhi, Lightner, Paquette, Weiss, Wozniak, Beson, Cambensy, Hope, Lasinski, Brixie, Garza, Haadsma, Morse, Kahle, Jones, Kuppa, Hertel, Puri, Witwer, Roth and Cherry offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to declare May 2021 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

1 that improves mental and physical health and is part of a healthy
2 lifestyle for individuals; and

3 Whereas, Thousands of people throughout Michigan will
4 experience the joys of bicycling during the month of May through
5 educational programs, commuting events, trail workdays, helmet
6 promotions, and charity rides; and

7 Whereas, Commuting by bicycle benefits both employees and
8 employers through improved employee health and fitness and a
9 reduction in commuting costs; and

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

12 Whereas, In 2021, thousands of cyclists from across the
13 country will participate in hundreds of organized Michigan cycling
14 events to experience our beautiful scenery, many parks,
15 attractions, and historic sites; and

16 Whereas, A 2014 MDOT study reported cycling provided \$668
17 million per year in economic benefit to Michigan's economy,
18 including employment, retail revenue, tourism expenditure, and
19 increased health and productivity; and

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

23 Whereas, Michigan has the most complete streets efforts in the
24 nation with more than 100 local ordinances, resolutions, and
25 policies that ensure bicyclists will be accommodated in future
26 transportation projects; and

27 Whereas, Michigan is known as the top trail state joining
28 together our upper and lower peninsula with the greatest number of
29 rail-trail mileage at more than 2,700 miles, along with nearly

1 2,000 miles of looped mountain biking trails on state-managed lands
2 linking the vibrant city of Detroit to the majestic hills of Iron
3 Mountain, in addition to the internationally recognized mountain
4 biking trail network in Copper Harbor or the Slow Roll in Detroit;
5 and

6 Whereas, Michigan has thirteen recognized Bicycle Friendly
7 Communities, nine Bicycle Friendly Universities, twenty-eight
8 Bicycle Friendly Businesses, is ranked as the 15th most Bicycle
9 Friendly State by the League of American Bicyclists, and has been
10 recognized as having one of the oldest known established bike clubs
11 formed in the late 1800's; and

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

14 Whereas, Michigan has three officially designated cross state
15 U.S. Bicycle Routes (USBR). These cross-state USBR total nearly
16 1,000 miles; and

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

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

25 Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of
26 this legislative body declare May 2021 as Bike Month in the state
27 of Michigan; and be it further

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