

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 96

Reps. Hood, Rogers, Steckloff, Price, Breen, Hope, Brabec, Coffia, Dievendorf and Farhat offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to declare May 2023 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 2023, 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, A 2014 MDOT report found that "bicycling provides an
13 estimated \$668 million per year in economic benefit to Michigan's
14 economy, including employment, retail revenue, tourism expenditure,
15 improved health, and increased productivity"; and

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

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

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

1 Whereas, Michigan has thirteen recognized Bicycle Friendly
2 Communities, nine Bicycle Friendly Universities, thirty-two Bicycle
3 Friendly Businesses, is ranked as the 11th most Bicycle Friendly
4 State by the League of American Bicyclists, and has been recognized
5 as having one of the oldest known established bike clubs formed in
6 the late 1800's; and

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

9 Whereas, Michigan has three officially designated cross state
10 U.S. Bicycle Routes (USBR). These cross-state USBR total nearly
11 1,000 miles; and

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

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

20 Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of
21 this legislative body declare May 2023 as Bike Month in the state
22 of Michigan; and be it further

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