

Substitute for House Resolution No. 104.

A resolution to declare May 2017 as Bike Month in the state of Michigan.

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

Whereas, Thousands of people throughout Michigan will experience the joys of bicycling during the month of May through educational programs, commuting events, trail work days, helmet promotions, and charity rides; and

Whereas, In 2017, thousands of cyclists from across the country will participate in hundreds of organized Michigan cycling events to experience our beautiful scenery, many parks, attractions, and historic sites; and

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

Whereas, Bicyclists are legal roadway users and teaching bicyclists and motorists to coexist on the road is important to ensure the safety and comfort of all users; and

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

Whereas, Michigan is known as the top trail state joining together our upper and lower peninsula with the greatest number of rail-trail mileage at more than 2,700 miles, along with 1,600 miles of looped mountain biking trails on state-managed lands linking the vibrant city of Detroit to the majestic hills of Iron Mountain, in addition to the internationally recognized mountain biking trail network in Copper Harbor or the Slow Roll in Detroit; and

Whereas, Michigan has 11 recognized Bicycle Friendly Communities, 7 Bicycle Friendly Universities, 25 Bicycle Friendly Businesses, is ranked as the 18th most Bicycle Friendly State by the League of American Bicyclists, and has been recognized as having one of the oldest known established bike clubs formed in the late 1800's; and

Whereas, Michigan has over 200 bicycle shops, 70 bike clubs, and 30 bicycle-related industries; and

Whereas, Michigan has three officially designated cross state U.S. Bicycle Routes (USBR) and was the first state in the country to have newly designated north-south and east-west USBR. These cross-state USBR total more than 1,000 miles; and

Whereas, Michigan is the leader of inclusive cycling opportunities, through education and events such as the IRide, Ability Tour, and Celebration of Cycling which demonstrate everyone can ride; and

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

Whereas, May has been declared National Bike Month by the League of Michigan Bicyclists, Michigan Trails and Greenways Alliance, Michigan Mountain Biking Association, and Programs to Educate All Cyclists to increase awareness about bicycling opportunities through organized activities such as bike-to-work days and bicycle rodeos for children; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of this legislative body declare May 2017 as Bike Month in the state of Michigan; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to Secretary of State Ruth Johnson.