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Recognizing May 2021 as National Bike Month in the City of Philadelphia.

WHEREAS, Established in 1956 and sponsored by the League of American Bicyclists ("League"), National Bike Month is a chance to showcase the many benefits of bicycling and encouraging communities to give biking a try; and

WHEREAS, National Bike to Work Week 2021 will be held on May 17-23, 2021 and National Bike to Work Day is May 21, 2021; and

WHEREAS, National Bike Month is an opportunity to celebrate the unique power of bicycles and an opportunity to come together with diverse stakeholders to raise awareness and inspire new riders; and

WHEREAS, The number of bicyclists is growing rapidly from coast to coast. The National Household Travel Survey showed that the number of daily trips made by bicycle in the U.S. more than doubled from 1.7 billion in 2001 to 3.8 billion in 2017; and

WHEREAS, From the years 2000 to 2013, bicycle commuting rates in large Bicycle Friendly Communities ("BFC") increased 105%, which is far above the national average of 62% and more than double the rate in non-BFC's at 31%; and

WHEREAS, Researchers found that bicycle commuting is a great way to incorporate regular exercise into a hectic schedule; and

WHEREAS, Bicycle commuting saves on parking fees, parking tickets, fuel costs, auto maintenance costs, and transit fares. According to a 2012 analysis by the League, Americans saved more than $4.6 billion by bicycling instead of driving. The average annual operating expense of a bicycle is $308, compared to the average annual operating expense of a car at more than $8,000; and

WHEREAS, In 2020, the League ranked the City of Philadelphia as 14th among 70 other U.S. cities that have improved the percentage of their bike commuting population. The League reports that from 2000 to 2019, the percentage of Philadelphia's bike commuter mode share has grown by 134%; and

WHEREAS, Philadelphia continues to be a bike-friendly City with its Indego Bike Share Program. Indego allows Philadelphians to rent bicycles 24/7 from 140 stations located from the Delaware River, across the Schuylkill River, into West Philadelphia and from South Philadelphia to North Philadelphia. Over 500,000 Philadelphians have used the Indego Bike Share Program; and

WHEREAS, Philadelphia's annual Bike to Work Day is May 21, 2021. This year's Bike to Work Day is led by the Bicycle Coalition of Greater Philadelphia, along with local bike commuters, City cyclists, and City leaders; and

WHEREAS, Thousands of organizations and many of the 485 League-designated BFC's, organize, plan and host events throughout the month of May, introducing bicycling to new riders and cultivating local bike culture and momentum; and

WHEREAS, With growing cultural awareness around health, wellness, sustainability, and economic savings, bicycling is seen as a simple solution to many complex problems, including health, wellness, and sustainability. The visibility of bicycling and interest in riding is undeniably on the rise; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA, That Council does hereby recognize May 2021 as National Bike Month in the City of Philadelphia.

FURTHER RESOLVED, That an Engrossed copy of this resolution be presented to the Bicycle Coalition of Greater Philadelphia and Indego, further evidencing the sincere respect of this legislative body.

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