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TO: Detroit City Council

FROM: David Whitaker, Director  
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DATE: May 6, 2019

RE: Resolution to declare May 17, 2019 as 'Bike to Work Day' and the month of May 2019 as 'Bicycle Awareness Month'.

The Honorable Council Member Scott Benson requested that the Legislative Policy Division draft a resolution to declare **May 17, 2019 as Bike to Work Day** and the month of **May 2019 as Bicycle Awareness Month**.

Attached, please find our draft of the resolution.

Please contact us if we can be of any further assistance.

**BY COUNCIL MEMBER SCOTT BENSON**

**RESOLUTION TO DECLARE MAY 17, 2019 AS BIKE TO WORK DAY AND THE MONTH OF MAY AS 'BICYCLE AWARENESS MONTH**

- WHEREAS,** Today, millions of Americans engage in bicycling as an environmentally friendly, sound-form of transportation, an excellent form of exercise that provides quality family recreation; and
- WHEREAS,** Many studies show the benefit to local economies from cyclists buying local goods and services when communities support cycling infrastructure; and
- WHEREAS,** The Detroit City Council supports the efforts of the **Detroit Greenways Coalition**, in their mission to promote biking, walking, and trail development throughout Detroit, along with pedestrian safety education programming, as they endeavor to reduce accidents, injuries and fatalities to those participating in these activities; and
- WHEREAS,** As of April 2019, the City has installed more than 240 miles of bike lanes, compared to 13 miles of bikes lanes offered in 2007, which signifies the city's new commitment to neighborhood planning for biking, in addition to providing a variety of amenities including expanded sidewalks, bicycle lanes, improved lighting- all to revive the City's neighborhoods; and
- WHEREAS,** City Council recognizes the social and economic value of bicycle and pedestrian activity as a mechanism for improving the health and enjoyment of its citizens and to transform Detroit into a more vibrant place to live, work and visit; and
- WHEREAS,** Through this legislative initiative, City Council continues to promote and encourage strong bicycle-friendly activities, acknowledging that bicycling is a safe and welcomed means of transportation; **NOW THEREFORE BE IT**
- RESOLVED,** That the Detroit City Council, hereby declares the month of May 2019, as Bicycle Awareness Month, and May 17, 2019 as Bike to Work Day in the city of Detroit and encourage all to enjoy Detroit via the bicycle.