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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2014

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HOUSE RESOLUTION

PROCLAIMING MAY 12-16, 2014, AS "BIKE-TO-WORK WEEK" IN THE STATE OF  
RHODE ISLAND

Introduced By: Representatives Handy, Tanzi, Tomasso, Winfield, and Martin

Date Introduced: May 15, 2014

Referred To: House read and passed

1           WHEREAS, "Bike-to-Work Week" is celebrated annually across the United States in  
2 order to promote the use of bicycles as an option for commuting to work; and

3           WHEREAS, The "Bike-to-Work" initiative was originated by the League of American  
4 Bicyclists in 1956, and Bike-to-Work Week occurs during National Bike Month; and

5           WHEREAS, Riding a bike to work is the fastest growing form of commuting. The  
6 number of people across America who bike to work jumped nearly 61 percent from 2000 to 2012;  
7 and

8           WHEREAS, Bicycle commuting is a safe and healthy alternative to driving an  
9 automobile to work each day and it provides economic and environmental benefits to our  
10 communities; and

11           WHEREAS, Widespread bike commuting helps to lessen traffic congestion and noise,  
12 reduces associated greenhouse gas emissions, and decreases the use of and dependence upon  
13 finite energy sources; and

14           WHEREAS, Rhode Island has 64 miles of paved bike paths, myriad bike lanes and bike  
15 routes, and more than 20 additional miles of paved bike paths currently under design and  
16 development; and

17           WHEREAS, Our state is quickly becoming one of the nation's most "bike friendly" states  
18 and the advantages to our citizenry and communities should be promoted and recognized; now,  
19 therefore be it

1           RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island and  
2 Providence Plantations hereby proclaims May 12-16, 2014, to be "Bike-to-Work Week" in the  
3 State of Rhode Island. We furthermore support and encourage all the citizens of our state to  
4 participate by giving bike commuting a try; and be it further

5           RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to  
6 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to the President of the League of American  
7 Bicyclists.

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