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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2015

H O U S E R E S O L U T I O N

**PROCLAIMING MAY 11-15, 2015, AS "BIKE-TO-WORK WEEK" IN THE STATE OF
RHODE ISLAND**

Introduced By: Representatives Handy, Tanzi, Winfield, Marshall, and Carson

Date Introduced: May 14, 2015

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 has increased about 60 percent over the last
7 decade; 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 over 70 miles of paved bike paths, myriad bike lanes and
15 bike routes, and more than 11 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 11-15, 2015, 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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