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# OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

Resolution No. \_\_\_\_\_ C.M.S.

INTRODUCED BY VICE MAYOR ANNIE CAMPBELL WASHINGTON

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**RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING MAY 12, 2016 AS BIKE TO WORK DAY IN THE CITY OF OAKLAND TO MARK THE IMPORTANCE OF BICYCLING TO PROMOTE GREATER HEALTH, TO BUILD STRONGER LOCAL ECONOMIES, TO ENHANCE COMMUNITY CONNECTION, TO INCREASE SUSTAINABILITY FOR THE CITY AND ITS RESIDENTS AND TO URGE OAKLANDERS TO RIDE THEIR BICYCLES**

**WHEREAS**, Oakland has risen to become a top five metropolitan area in the United States for bicycling and is home to the most bike-friendly transit in the nation; and

**WHEREAS**, bicycling is a healthy and affordable way for Oakland residents to commute to work; and

**WHEREAS**, bicycling offers great benefits to the environment due to the reductions in greenhouse gases; and

**WHEREAS**, bicycling contributes to the vibrancy of communities and successful local businesses; and

**WHEREAS**, diverse bicycling workshops, riding groups, recreational teams and community-based organizations enhance the reach and fun of bicycling throughout the city; and,

**WHEREAS**, bicycling and family-friendly Open Streets events such as the June 4 Oaklavia-Love Our Neighborhood Day and pilot parklet projects demonstrate the potential for revitalizing streets and communities; and

**WHEREAS**, Oakland is launching its inaugural Bike Share program with 850 bicycles starting this fall; and

**WHEREAS**, Bike to Work Day is an annual event which has been celebrated in Oakland for 23 years, with the goal of encouraging people to try bicycling to work, school or for any trips in the City; and

**WHEREAS**, on the morning of Bike to Work Day, 23 energizer stations will be set up around Oakland for cyclers, with drinks, snacks and bags of goodies available; and,

**WHEREAS**, a transportation festival with a pancake breakfast for bicyclists, a resource fair, and special presentations by elected leaders will take place at Frank Ogawa Plaza near City Hall; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, that the City of Oakland declares May 12, 2016 as Bike to Work Day and encourages all Oakland residents to ride their bikes to work or school, and to enjoy the benefits of a vibrant bicycling culture in Oakland.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, \_\_\_\_\_

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES - BROOKS, CAMPBELL WASHINGTON, GALLO, GUILLEN, KALB, KAPLAN,  
REID AND PRESIDENT GIBSON MCELHANEY

NOES –  
ABSENT –  
ABSTENTION –

ATTEST:

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LATONDA SIMMONS  
City Clerk and Clerk of the Council of the City  
of Oakland, California