


Office of the City Attorney

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RESOLUTION NO. _____ C.M.S.

Introduced by Vice Mayor Nancy Nadel

RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING THURSDAY, MAY 10, 2012, AS THE CITY OF OAKLAND'S 19TH ANNUAL BIKE TO WORK DAY, AND MAY 2012 AS CITY OF OAKLAND BIKE MONTH

WHEREAS, Thursday, May 10, 2012, is Bike to Work Day throughout the Bay Area; and

WHEREAS, Oakland, a Transit First City, favors travel by transit, on foot, and by bicycle; and

WHEREAS, Oakland, as signatory to the Urban Environmental Accord, pledged to promote low-impact forms of transportation such as bicycling; and

WHEREAS, Oakland understands the threats posed by global warming and climate change; and recognizes that bicycling is a non-polluting, low-cost, energy-efficient, neighborhood friendly, and healthy mode of travel that will help address those threats; and

WHEREAS, the City of Oakland has been recognized as a Bicycle Friendly Community by the League of American Bicyclists, the pre-eminent bicycling organization in the United States; and

WHEREAS, Oakland has the sixth largest percentage of people bicycling to work of the country's 50 largest cities; and

WHEREAS, Oakland has over 110 miles of bikeways, with over 40 miles planned to be upgraded or newly constructed by the end of 2012; and

WHEREAS, several organizations host a variety of community cycling events in Oakland, demonstrating the wide appeal of bicycling to Oakland's diverse community, including Bikes 4 Life, Bike-in Movie Nights, BikeLove, East Bay Bike Party, Kidical Mass, the Oakland Museum of California, the Oakland Police Department, the Oakland Scrape, the Oakland Yellow Jackets, Oaklavia, Tour de Taco, Veloraptor, and Women of WOBO; and

WHEREAS, bicycling helps realize the goals of our Energy and Climate Action Plan, while promoting the most affordable, healthy, and energy-efficient mode of transportation for our residents; and

WHEREAS, Oakland staffs a Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee that meets monthly, and provides a great opportunity for residents to provide important community input on City bicycling projects; and

WHEREAS, Oakland has sponsored an annual Bike to Work Day since 1994, and participation increased eight percent in 2011, setting a new city record for the number of people riding to work; and

WHEREAS, Oakland Bike to Work Day participants can bicycle downtown in “Pedal Pools” with City Council, Walk Oakland Bike Oakland, and other community members on Thursday, May 10, 2012, to enjoy free pancakes, energizer stations, raffle prizes, all-day valet bike parking provided by the East Bay Bicycle Coalition and mini-bike tune-ups by local bike shops, and an after Bike to Work Day Happy Hour celebration in Old Oakland; and

WHEREAS, Oakland Bike Month celebrates and encourages bicycle travel with fun rides, bike safety classes, and other educational events that promote healthy lifestyles and communities; and

WHEREAS, Oakland Bike to Work Day and Bike Month activities are made possible by the City’s partnerships with other agencies, non-profits, businesses, and public and private employers; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That the Oakland Mayor and City Council do hereby proclaim Thursday, May 10, 2012 as Oakland’s 19th Annual Bike to Work Day, and May 2012 as Oakland Bike Month, and encourage residents to shop at Oakland’s bike shops, get their bikes tuned up, get on their bikes, and join in the “no pollute commute” by cycling anytime in May; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That 2012 Bike to Work Day festivities will be May 10, 2012, 7:00am to 9:00am, Frank H. Ogawa Plaza, and residents can learn more about Oakland Bike Month events and sponsors at www.oaklandbikes.info; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That Department heads are requested to encourage participation in Bike to Work Day on Thursday, May 10, 2012.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA,

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES - BROOKS, BRUNNER, DE LA FUENTE, KAPLAN, KERNIGHAN, NADEL, SCHAAF, AND PRESIDENT REID

NOES -

ABSENT -

ABSTENTION -

ATTEST:

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