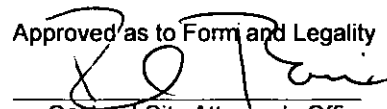


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OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

Resolution No. _____ C.M.S.

INTRODUCED BY VICE MAYOR LARRY E. REID

RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING THURSDAY, MAY 9, 2013, AS THE CITY OF OAKLAND'S 20TH ANNUAL BIKE TO WORK DAY, AND THE MONTH OF MAY, 2013, AS CITY OF OAKLAND BIKE MONTH

WHEREAS, Thursday, May 9, 2013, is being recognized as Bike to Work Day throughout California and the Bay Area, and the City of Oakland is a Transit First City that favors travel by transit, on foot, and by bicycle; and

WHEREAS, the City of Oakland, as signatory to the Urban Environmental Accord, pledged to promote low-impact forms of transportation such as bicycling; 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, in 2010, was named as one of only 18 new Bicycle Friendly Communities in the nation by the League of American Bicyclists, the pre-eminent bicycling organization in the United States; and has the seventh largest percentage of people bicycling to work of the country's 70 largest cities; and has over 132 miles of bikeways, with over eight new miles planned for construction and 16 miles planned for enhancement by the end of 2013; and

WHEREAS, the City of Oakland along with several organizations hosts a variety of community cycling events in Oakland, demonstrating the wide appeal of bicycling to Oakland's diverse community, including the Bike 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, Red Bike and Green, Veloraptor, and Women of WOBO, while promoting that bicycling helps realize the goals of our Energy and Climate Action Plan with the most affordable, healthy, and energy-efficient mode of transportation for our residents; and

WHEREAS, the City of 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 has sponsored an annual Bike to Work Day since 1994, and the 2012 event included over 4,300 participants, 23 energizer stations, "Pedal Pools" departing from each council district organized by Walk Oakland

Bike Oakland, an "Alternative Transportation Fair" in front of City Hall, a "Bike Away from Work" party, and goodie bags for participants with items from regional, county, and private sponsors, all headlining a City-proclaimed Bike Month with other events, promotions, and campaigns; and

WHEREAS, the City of Oakland's Bike to Work Day participants can bicycle downtown with City Council and other community members on Thursday, May 9, to enjoy free pancakes, energizer stations, raffle prizes, all-day valet bike parking, and mini-bike tune-ups by local bike shops, and;

WHEREAS, the City of Oakland's Bike Month celebrates and encourages bicycle travel with fun rides, bike safety classes, and other educational events that promote healthy lifestyles and communities; and 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 9, 2013, as Oakland's 20th Annual Bike to Work Day, and May, 2013, 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 2013 Bike to Work Day festivities will be on May 9, 2013, 7:00 to 9:00 am, at 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 and to set a casual dress code, as appropriate, for employees on Thursday, May 9, 2013.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, _____, 2013

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES - BROOKS, SCHAAF, KALB, KAPLAN, REID, GALLO, MCELHANEY, AND PRESIDENT KERNIGHAN

NOES -

ABSENT -

ABSTENTION -

ATTEST: _____

LaTonda Simmons
City Clerk and Clerk of the Council
of the City of Oakland, California