

# House Concurrent Resolution No. 54

## 94TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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1                   **Whereas**, the bicycle is a viable and environmentally sound form of transportation  
2 and an excellent form of recreation; and  
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4                   **Whereas**, millions of Missourians will experience the joys of bicycling during the  
5 month of May through educational programs, races, commuting events, trail work days, helmet  
6 promotion, charity events, or just getting out and going for a ride; and  
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8                   **Whereas**, Missouri's Katy Trail attracts hundreds of thousands of bicyclists each  
9 year from all 50 states and from across the globe, providing economic, health, and scenic benefits  
10 to citizens of Missouri and the world; and  
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12                   **Whereas**, Missouri hosts four major cross-country bicycle tourism routes that  
13 attract thousands of cross-country and local bicyclists each year, including the Mississippi  
14 River/Great Rivers Trail, the American Discovery Trail, the Lewis and Clark Trail, and the  
15 TransAmerica Trail; and  
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17                   **Whereas**, the Tour of Missouri bicycle race is poised to bring hundreds of world-  
18 class athletes and thousands of bicycle tourists to Missouri September 11-16, 2007, and put  
19 Missouri's bicycling attractions and scenic countryside before a world stage; and  
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21                   **Whereas**, these bicycling activities and attractions have great potential to have a  
22 positive impact on Missouri's economy and tourism industry and to stimulate economic  
23 development by making the state attractive to businesses and citizens who enjoy the out of doors  
24 and healthy lifestyles; and  
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26       **Whereas**, creating bicycle-friendly communities has been shown to improve  
27 citizens' health, well-being, and quality of life, to boost community spirit, to improve traffic  
28 safety, and to reduce pollution and congestion; and

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30       **Whereas**, May has been declared National Bike Month for each of the last 45  
31 years, and is so again in 2007; and

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33       **Whereas**, the League of American Bicyclists, the Missouri Bicycle Racing  
34 Association, the Missouri Bicycle Federation, bicycle clubs, schools, parks and recreation  
35 departments, police departments, hospitals, companies and civic groups throughout Missouri will  
36 be promoting bicycling as a leisure activity as well as an environmentally-friendly alternative to  
37 the automobile during the month of May 2007; and

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39       **Whereas**, the education of bicyclists and motorists as to the proper and safe  
40 operation of bicycles is important to ensure the safety and comfort of all users; and

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42       **Whereas**, the Missouri Bicycle Federation, the Share the Road Safety Task Force  
43 of Kansas City, and other organizations across the state will promote bicycle safety during the  
44 month of May 2007:

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46       **Now, therefore, be it resolved** that the members of the House of  
47 Representatives of the Ninety-fourth General Assembly, First Regular Session, the Senate  
48 concurring therein, hereby recognize the month of May 2007 as National Bike Month and  
49 Bicycle Safety Month, and the week of May 14-18, 2007, as Bike to Work Week; and

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51       **Be it further resolved** that the General Assembly urges all who support  
52 bicycling to participate in the events planned and urges all road users to share the road safely  
53 with bicyclists.

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