

House Concurrent Resolution No. 39

95TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE KRAUS.

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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 the 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 again bring hundreds of
18 world-class athletes and thousands of bicycle tourists to Missouri on September 7-13, 2009, and
19 put 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 lifestyle; 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 53
31 years, and is so again in 2009; 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 2009; 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, Kansas City Share the Road Safety
43 Task Force, St. Louis TrailNet, St. Louis Regional Bicycle Federation, GetAbout Columbia,
44 Columbia PedNet Coalition, Velo Girardeau, SpringBike, Ozark Greenways, Parkland Cyclists,
45 St. Joseph Bicycle Club, Quad States Trails of St. Joseph, and other organizations across the
46 state will promote bicycle safety during the month of May 2009:

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48 **Now, therefore, be it resolved** that the members of the House of
49 Representatives of the Ninety-fifth General Assembly, First Regular Session, the Senate
50 concurring therein, hereby recognize the month of May 2009 as "National Bike Month" and
51 "Bicycle Safety Month", and the week of May 11-15, 2009, as "Bike to Work Week" in
52 Missouri; and

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

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