

1 RESOLUTION NO. 2019-164 First Reading Passage Requested

2 (J. Wilhite)

3 SPONSORS Mr. Wilhite, Mr. Hamilton and Council of the Whole

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5 DATE April 29, 2019 COMMITTEE Public Safety

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7 **A Resolution recognizing the month of May 2019 as National Bike and Bicycle Safety**  
8 **Month, and the week of May 12, 2019 through May 19, 2019 as National Bike to Work**  
9 **Week, and encouraging the residents of Summit County to join in this acknowledgement**  
10 **and share the road safely, for the County Council, and declaring an emergency.**

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12 WHEREAS, across the United States, the month of May 2019 will be celebrated as  
13 National Bicycle Month; and

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15 WHEREAS, the week of May 12, 2019 through May 19, 2019 will be celebrated as  
16 National Bike to Work Week and several residents will also participate in the National Ride of  
17 Silence on May 15, 2019; and

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19 WHEREAS, Summit County offers great resources for cyclists, including the many miles  
20 of cycling trails in the Cuyahoga Valley National Park and the Summit Metro Parks; and

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22 WHEREAS, there are several non-profit and government entities located in Summit  
23 County that promote the development and maintenance of recreational trails and routes that  
24 highlight historical and scenic opportunities, including the Ohio and Erie Canalway Coalition,  
25 NEO Safe Trails and Routes, Inc. and the Akron Metropolitan Area Transportation Study; and

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27 WHEREAS, Summit County is home to many cyclists who ride for various reasons,  
28 including transportation, pleasure, exercise, competition, and for family outings; and

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30 WHEREAS, when communities are bicycle-friendly, it has shown to promote economic  
31 development, improve the well-being and quality of life of its citizens, reduce pollution and  
32 improve traffic safety; and

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34 WHEREAS, safety is a major issue for cyclists who share the roadways with motorized  
35 vehicles sometimes driven by individuals distracted by cell phones or other circumstances; and

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37 WHEREAS, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's most recent findings  
38 show that in 2016 there were 840 cyclists killed in motor vehicle traffic crashes in the United  
39 States, which was an increase in the number of fatalities recorded the previous year; and

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41 WHEREAS, bicycle safety education is essential to bicyclists, motorists and pedestrians  
42 to ensure the safety and comfort of all road users.

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44 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the County of Summit, State  
45 of Ohio, that:

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47 SECTION 1

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49 The month of May 2019 is hereby recognized as National Bike and Bicycle Safety  
50 Month, and the week of May 12, 2019 through May 19, 2019 as National Bike to Work Week in  
51 Summit County and the residents of Summit County are encouraged to join in this  
52 acknowledgement.

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4 SECTION 2

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6 This Resolution is hereby declared an emergency in the interest of the health, safety and  
7 welfare of the residents of the County of Summit and for the further purpose of immediately  
8 recognizing the month of May 2019 as National Bike and Bicycle Safety Month, and the week of  
9 May 12, 2019 through May 19, 2019 as National Bike to Work Week in Summit County.

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11 SECTION 3

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13 Provided this Resolution receives the affirmative vote of eight (8) members, it shall take  
14 effect immediately upon its adoption and approval by the Executive; otherwise it shall take effect  
15 and be in force at the earliest time provided by law.

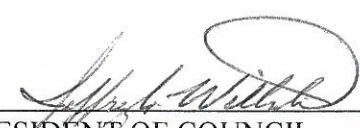
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19 It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating  
20 to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all  
21 deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action,  
22 were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section  
23 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

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26 INTRODUCED April 29, 2019

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34 CLERK OF COUNCIL

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42 APPROVED April 30, 2019

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49 ENACTED EFFECTIVE April 30, 2019

Voice Vote 9-0: YES - Dickinson, Donofrio, Hamilton, Koehler,  
McKenney, Rodgers, Schmidt, Walters, Wilhite  
ABSENT: Feeman, Prentice