

## **RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT NATIONAL BIKE TO WORK WEEK**

**WHEREAS**, for more than a century, the bicycle has been an important part of the lives of Americans; and

**WHEREAS**, today, millions of Americans engage in bicycling as an environmentally sound form of transportation, an excellent form of fitness, and provides quality family recreation; and

**WHEREAS**, “Bike to Work Week” is a nationwide endeavor to educate the public about the benefits of bicycling and to increase awareness of and respect for bicyclists; and

**WHEREAS**, [name of community] recognizes the benefits of bicycle commuting in providing exercise, decreasing air pollution, conserving fuel, decreasing traffic congestion, decreasing noise pollution, and improving the health of its citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, the League of Michigan Bicyclists and independent cyclists throughout our state are promoting greater public awareness of bicycle operation and safety education in an effort to reduce accidents, injuries and fatalities; and

**WHEREAS**, bicycle transportation is an integral part of the “multi-modal” transportation system planned for by city, state and local transportation government agencies; and

**WHEREAS**, we recognize and encourage cycling as an important means of transportation, and support potential new cyclists in joining our community; and

**WHEREAS**, the Southwest Michigan Planning Commission, Southwest Michigan Alliance for Recreational Trails and the TwinCATS Walk/Roll Committee encourage all citizens to ride their bicycles to work, to the store, to the park, around their neighborhoods and with friends and family to promote the personal and societal benefits achieved from bicycling.

**NOW, THEREFORE I**, [name], [position in community], do hereby proclaim May 16-20, 2011 as:

### **“Bike to Work Week”**

In [community] and command its observance to all citizens.

WITNESS OUR HANDS and the official Seals of the [community name].

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*Mayor's Signature*