

Senate Resolution 895

By: Senators Orrock of the 36th, Dugan of the 30th, Jones of the 10th, Bethel of the 54th,
Lucas of the 26th and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing May, 2016, as National Bike Month and Bicycle Safety Month and May 16-20,
2 2016, as Bike to Work Week; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Georgia's Silver Comet Trail, Atlanta Beltline, Columbus Riverwalk, and other
4 regionally significant multi-use paths attract hundreds of thousands of bicyclists each year
5 from all 50 states and from across the globe, providing economic, health, and tourism
6 benefits to citizens of Georgia and the world; and

7 WHEREAS, Georgia hosts major bicycle tourism events that attract thousands of
8 cross-country and local bicyclists each year, including Atlanta Streets Alive, Bicycle Ride
9 Across Georgia, the Tony Serrano Century, the Midnight Garden Ride, the Prison to Peanuts
10 Ride, and the Six Gap Century; and

11 WHEREAS, these bicycling activities and attractions have a positive impact on Georgia's
12 economy and tourism industry and stimulate economic development by making this state
13 attractive to businesses and citizens who enjoy the outdoors and healthy lifestyles; and

14 WHEREAS, creating bicycle-friendly communities has been shown to improve citizens'
15 health, well-being, and quality of life, to boost community spirit, to improve traffic safety,
16 and to reduce air pollution and traffic congestion; and

17 WHEREAS, the education of bicyclists and motorists as to the proper and safe operation of
18 their respective vehicles is important to ensure the safety and comfort of all roadway users;
19 and

20 WHEREAS, Georgia Bikes and local organizations, including Atlanta Bicycle Coalition,
21 Bicycle Columbus, Bicycling Club of Milledgeville, Bike Alpharetta, Bike Athens, Bike
22 Macon, Bike Roswell, Bike Walk Dunwoody, Bike Walk Golden Isles, Griffin Bicycle
23 Coalition, Oconee County Cycling Organization, Pecan City Pedalers, Rose City Cyclists,

24 Savannah Bicycle Campaign, Southside Cycling Club, Sumter Cycling, Tift Area Greenway
25 Association, TRED of Rome-Floyd County, WeCycle Atlanta, and Wheel Movement of
26 CSRA, will promote bicycle safety during May, 2016; and

27 WHEREAS, millions of Georgians will experience the joys of bicycling during the month
28 of May through educational programs, races, commuting events, trail work days, safety
29 promotion, charity events, or simply going for a ride.

30 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
31 recognize May, 2016, as National Bike Month and Bicycle Safety Month and May 16-20,
32 2016, as Bike to Work Week and encourage all who support bicycling to participate in the
33 events planned and all road users to share the road safely with bicyclists.

34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
35 to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the public and the
36 press.