

## House Resolution 220

By: Representative Dreyer of the 59<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing May, 2017, as National Bike Month and Bicycle Safety Month, and the week  
2 of May 15-19, 2017, as Bike to Work Week; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the bicycle is a viable and common sense form of urban transportation and is  
4 an excellent form of healthful recreation; and

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

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

14 WHEREAS, these bicycling activities and attractions have a positive impact on Georgia's  
15 economy and tourism industry and stimulate economic development by making the state  
16 attractive to businesses and citizens who enjoy the out of doors and healthy lifestyles; and

17 WHEREAS, creating bicycle-friendly communities through best practice infrastructure  
18 improvements has been shown to improve citizens' health, well-being, and quality of life, to  
19 improve traffic safety, and to reduce air pollution and traffic congestion; and

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

23 WHEREAS, Georgia Bikes and local organizations, including Atlanta Bicycle Coalition,  
24 Bicycle Columbus, Bike Walk Macon, Savannah Bicycle Campaign, BikeAthens, Bicycling  
25 Club of Milledgeville, Bike Alpharetta, Bike Roswell, Bike Walk Dunwoody, Bike Walk  
26 Golden Isles, SOPO, Camden County Cycling Club, Southside Cycling Club, Sumter  
27 Cycling, Tift Area Greenway Association, TRED of Rome-Floyd County, WeCycle Atlanta,  
28 Wheel Movement of CSRA, and other organizations across the state will promote bicycle  
29 safety during the month of May, 2017; and

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

33 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
34 the members of this body recognize the month of May, 2017 as National Bike Month and  
35 Bicycle Safety Month, and the week of May 15-19, 2017, as Bike to Work Week; and  
36 recommend all who support safe public streets to give at least three feet when passing and  
37 to share the road safely with people riding bicycles.

38 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
39 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the  
40 public and the press.