

House Resolution 1099

By: Representative Harrell of the 106th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing May, 2018, as National Bike Month and Bicycle Safety Month and May 14
2 through 18, 2018, as Bike to Work Week; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the bicycle is a viable and common sense form of transportation and is an
4 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 the 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, Tony Serrano Century, Midnight Garden Ride in Savannah, Prison to
12 Peanuts Ride in southwest Georgia, Athens Twilight Criterium, Ironman 70.3 Augusta, and
13 Six Gap Century in the northeast 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 and opportunity by
16 making the state attractive to businesses and citizens who enjoy the out-of-doors and healthy
17 lifestyles; and

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

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

24 WHEREAS, Georgia Bikes and local organizations, including Atlanta Bicycle Coalition,
25 Bicycle Columbus, Bike Walk Macon, Savannah Bicycle Campaign, BikeAthens, Bike Walk
26 Baldwin, Bike Alpharetta, Bike Roswell, Bike Walk Dunwoody, Bike Walk Golden Isles,
27 SOPO, Camden County Cycling Club, Southside Cycling Club, Sumter Cycling, Tift Area
28 Greenway Association, TRED of Rome-Floyd County, Bike Fayette, Southern Crescent
29 Cycling, Metro Atlanta Cycling Club, and Wheel Movement of CSRA, and other
30 organizations across the state will promote bicycle safety during the month of May, 2018;
31 and

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

35 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
36 the members of this body recognize the month of May, 2018, as National Bike Month and
37 Bicycle Safety Month and the week of May 14 through 18, 2018, as Bike to Work Week and
38 recommend all who support safe public streets to give at least three feet when passing
39 cyclists so that the roads may be shared safely by all.

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