

**RESOLUTION NO. 2019-24**

**INTRODUCED BY: MAYOR MICHAEL DYLAN BRENNAN**

**A RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING (i) MAY 2019, *BIKE MONTH*; (ii) MAY 8, 2019 *BIKE TO SCHOOL DAY*; (iii) MAY 13-19, *BIKE TO WORK WEEK*; AND MAY 17, 2019, *BIKE TO WORK DAY* IN THE CITY OF UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

**WHEREAS**, bicycling is a sociable, healthy, green and economical mode of travel; and

**WHEREAS**, the United States Department of Transportation since 2010, has adopted a policy stating that “walking and bicycling are considered as equals with other transportation modes” and “not an afterthought in roadway design;” and

**WHEREAS**, the State of Ohio recognizes bicycles as valid vehicles for use on all University Heights roads; and

**WHEREAS**, University Heights streets and buildings are ideally arranged in a compact, well-connected pattern making it easy to walk and bike to businesses, schools, and recreational and cultural facilities; and

**WHEREAS**, University Heights continues to assess its transportation network and connections to other cities, finding grants for projects that improve the safety and comfort of bicyclists, including the planned re-striping of Warrensville Road to designate bicycle lanes;

**WHEREAS**, educating cyclists on the proper and safe operation of bicycles and motorists on how to properly share roads with bicyclists (including our school children) is important to ensure the safety and well-being of all; and

**WHEREAS**, the League of American Bicyclists, the Heights Bicycle Coalition, and transportation and fitness bicyclists in University Heights and other cities are promoting greater public awareness of cycling during the month of May through events such as *National Bike to School Day* on Wednesday, May 8, 2019, and the *Ride of Silence* on Wednesday, May 15, 2019, in which hundreds of cities internationally will participate to honor those killed or injured while riding on public streets and which, in the Heights area, will be routed from University Heights through Cleveland Heights to University Circle where Heights riders will join bicyclists from a Cleveland route; and

**WHEREAS**, the Heights Bicycle Coalition will provide free coffee and other refreshments for bicycle commuters during the morning rush hour on Bike to Work Day, Friday, May 17, 2019, outside University Heights City Hall at the intersection of Warrensville Center and Silsby Roads, the culmination of Bike to Work Week during May 13-19, 2019.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Council of the City of University Heights, Ohio, that:

**Section 1.** This Council does hereby proclaim (i) May 2019, *Bike Month*; (ii) May 8, 2019, *Bike to School Day*; (iii) May 13-19, 2019, *Bike to Work Week*; and (iv) May 17, 2019, *Bike to Work Day*, in the City of University Heights; and encourages all residents to review the laws and regulations governing bicycle safety and to use a bicycle for transportation to work and school, especially for trips within the City of University Heights.

**Section 2.** It is hereby found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the passage of this ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements.

**Section 3.** This Resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety of the inhabitants of the City of University Heights, such emergency being the need to join with the other communities in this celebration and the need to proclaim *Bike Month* and related events on a timely basis. Wherefore, provided it receives the affirmative vote of five (5) or more of the members elected or appointed to this Council, this Resolution shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its passage; otherwise, it shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest time allowed by law.

CITY OF UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS, OHIO



MICHAEL DYLAN BRENNAN, MAYOR

PASSED:

ATTEST:



KELLY M. THOMAS, CLERK OF COUNCIL

APPROVED



LUKE F. MCCONVILLE, LAW DIRECTOR