

Senate Resolution 203

By: Senators Miller of the 49th, Wilkinson of the 50th, Jones of the 25th, Kennedy of the 18th, Walker III of the 20th and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing May, 2017, as National Bike Month and Bicycle Safety Month and May 15
2 through 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 SENATE that the members of this body
34 recognize the month of May, 2017 as National Bike Month and Bicycle Safety Month, and
35 the week of May 15 through 19, 2017, as Bike to Work Week and recommend all who
36 support safe public streets to give at least three feet when passing and to share the road safely
37 with people riding bicycles.

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