

RESOLUTION NO. RS2018-1313

A resolution recognizing and honoring Walk Bike Nashville and declaring July 20, 2018 as "Walk Bike Nashville Day" in honor of the organization's contributions to the health and well-being of the citizens of Nashville.

WHEREAS, Walk Bike Nashville, a non-profit organization established in 1998 to build a more walkable, bikeable, and livable Nashville, is celebrating its 20th anniversary on July 20, 2018; and

WHEREAS, Walk Bike Nashville, on the occasion of this milestone anniversary, wishes to recognize and thank its Founding Members, including Robert Brandt, Kibby Clayton, Tom Grooms, Tish Hooker, David Kleinfelter, LaDonna McDaniel Merville, Bob Murphy, Nancy Nace, Tim Netsch, John Norris, Ann Richards, Jeff Themm, and Glen Wanner; and

WHEREAS, Walk Bike Nashville envisions a Nashville with:

- People who are healthy, active, and joyful because of equal opportunities for active transportation;
- Neighborhoods that are linked to basic needs, open space, education, and employment through a comprehensive network of sidewalks, bikeways, and greenways; and
- Natural resources that are protected by our transportation choices; and

WHEREAS, Walk Bike Nashville promotes public policy that supports its mission and serve as an advocate for pedestrians and bicyclists to continually improve the availability and safety of sidewalks, bikeways, and greenways; and

WHEREAS, Walk Bike Nashville works to educate Nashvillians so that they can safely access the city's streets, bikeways, greenways, and sidewalks through programs including Walk Bike University and Safe Routes to Schools; and

WHEREAS, Walk Bike Nashville promotes fun, meaningful events for walking and biking with the understanding that these events can positively impact walking and bicycling activity in our city; and

WHEREAS, Walk Bike Nashville celebrates National Bike Month each May -- with various bike-friendly events and activities including:

- Walk and Roll to School Day: Part of National Bike to School Day;
- Bike to Work Day;
- The Tour de Nash: Nashville's largest urban bike ride; and
- An Annual Policy Bike Ride, in partnership with the Mayor's Bike and Pedestrian Advisory Committee; and

WHEREAS, Walk Bike Nashville celebrates National Walk Month each October -- a month dedicated to engaging Nashville in more walking and raising awareness of pedestrian safety issues -- as well as Walk to School Day and an Annual Policy Walk, in partnership with the Mayor's Bike and Pedestrian Advisory Committee; and

WHEREAS, Walk Bike Nashville organizes and runs Open Streets Nashville -- a movement to activate people, strengthen businesses, and inspire public spaces by temporarily closing streets to cars ; and

WHEREAS, Walk Bike Nashville is extremely thankful for all of the volunteers, board members, and policy makers who have been a part of Walk Bike Nashville over the past 20 years and who work each day to make Nashville a truly more walkable, bikeable, and livable city; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE METROPOLITAN GOVERNMENT OF NASHVILLE AND DAVIDSON COUNTY:

Section 1. The Metropolitan Council hereby goes on record as recognizing and honoring The Walk Bike Nashville on the occasion of its 20th anniversary.

Section 2. The Metropolitan Council further goes on record as declaring July 20, 2018 to be designated "Walk Bike Nashville Day" throughout Nashville and Davidson County in honor of the organization's many contributions to the health and well-being of the citizens of Nashville.

Section 3. The Metropolitan Council Office is directed to prepare a copy of this Resolution to be presented to Walk Bike Nashville.

Section 4. This Resolution shall take effect from and after its adoption, the welfare of The Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County requiring it.

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