

RESOLUTION NO. 18 , 2009

**A RESOLUTION ENDORSING JOINT CINCINNATI-HAMILTON COUNTY BICYCLE  
FRIENDLY COMMUNITIES PROJECT AND PLEDGING MEMBER  
COMMUNITY SUPPORT TOWARD THE PROJECT**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Montgomery makes decisions every day affecting the health and safety of our residents, the efficient conduct of commerce and delivery of governmental services which impacts the quality of life in our community; and

**WHEREAS**, Cities across the globe are confronting and addressing diverse issues such as pollution, congestion, traffic safety, accessibility, and economic growth; and

**WHEREAS**, solutions to these many challenges are equally diverse and complex; and

**WHEREAS**, this Resolution recognizes that encouraging and facilitating bicycle use addresses these challenges and contributes to many of the solutions necessary to improve the quality of life in our cities.

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

**SECTION 1.** The City of Montgomery recognizes that increasing bicycle use can:

1. *Improve the environment* by reducing the impact on residents from pollution and noise, and limiting greenhouse gases;

2. *Reduce congestion* by shifting short trips from cars which will also make cities more accessible for public transportation, walking, essential car travel, emergency services, and deliveries;

3. *Save lives* by creating safer conditions for bicyclists and as a direct consequence improve the safety of all other road users. Research shows that increasing the number of bicyclists on the street improves bicycle safety;

4. *Boost the economy* by creating communities that are attractive destinations for new residents, tourists, and businesses;

5. *Enhance recreational opportunities*, especially for children, and further contribute to the quality of life in our communities;

6. *Save public funds* by reducing the need for costly new road infrastructure, preventing crashes, improving the health of our communities, and increasing the use of public transport;

7. *Enhance public safety* and security by increasing the number of "eyes on the street" and providing more options for movement in the event of emergencies, and major public events; and

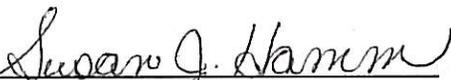
8. *Improve the health* and well-being of the population by promoting routine physical activity.

**SECTION 2.** With these goals in mind, the City Council of Montgomery endorses the application by Cincinnati and Hamilton County for Bicycle Friendly Community status from the League of American Cyclists; and

**SECTION 3.** The City of Montgomery will search for new ways to improve cycling conditions within the City and will encourage its residents and businesses to pursue cycling;

**SECTION 4.** This Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage.

PASSED: June 3, 2009

ATTEST:   
Susan J. Hamm, Clerk of Council

  
Gerri Harbison, Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

  
Terrence M. Donnellon, Law Director