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(ITEM ) A resolution by Supervisor Haas encouraging Milwaukee County residents and visitors to participate in Wisconsin Bike Week and urging motorists to share the road safely with bicyclists at all times, by recommending adoption of the following:

## **A RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, bicycling is a viable and environmentally sound form of transportation and an excellent form of recreation; and

WHEREAS, bicycle-friendly communities help to improve human health, wellbeing, and quality of life, to boost community spirit, to improve traffic safety, and to reduce pollution and congestion; and

WHEREAS, Milwaukee County's Oak Leaf Trail attracts thousands of residents and visitors each year, providing social, economic, and environmental benefits; and

WHEREAS, according to the Wisconsin Bike Fed, bicycling boosts Wisconsin's economy by \$1.5 billion annually; and

WHEREAS, the state's bicycle industry accounts for \$600 million annually, as world-renowned bicycle brands including Trek Bicycling Corporation, Saris Cycling Group, Planet Bike, Pacific Cycles, and Waterford Precision Cycles have made Wisconsin their home; and

WHEREAS, Milwaukee County's Red Arrow Park was the launch site of Bublr Bikes, Milwaukee's new bike-sharing system; and

WHEREAS, starting in 2015, the Wisconsin Bike Fed will host Wisconsin Bike Week each June to showcase the benefits of bicycling; and

WHEREAS, Wisconsin Bike Week coincides with other bicycling events, including Milwaukee County's Bike to Work Day and the National Bike Challenge; and

WHEREAS, the education of bicyclists and motorists as to their rights and responsibilities on the road is important to ensure the safety and comfort of all users; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors (County Board) hereby encourages residents and visitors to participate in Wisconsin Bike Week; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the County Board urges motorists to share the road safely with bicyclists at all times.

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