



Legislation Text

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Fiscal Note

No appropriation required.

Title

Proclaiming September 30, 2024, through October 6, 2024, as the Week Without Driving in Madison

Body

WHEREAS, Week Without Driving is a nationwide initiative that aims to raise awareness and promote understanding about the challenges faced by individuals who do not have reliable transportation, highlighting the impact of limited transportation on people's everyday lives; and,

WHEREAS, Week Without Driving encourages both individuals and decision-makers to go a week without driving; and,

WHEREAS, this year, Week Without Driving takes place from September 30, 2024, through October 6, 2024; and,

WHEREAS, according to the Wisconsin Department of Transportation, the City of Madison's non-driving population is estimated to be greater than 40% of the total population; and,

WHEREAS, people do not drive for a variety of reasons, whether it be due to age, financial circumstances, physical or intellectual disability, a preference to minimize their environmental impact, alleviate traffic congestion, or prioritize the safety of pedestrians and bicyclists; and,

WHEREAS, it is costly to own a car, with the United States Bureau of Labor Statistics estimating that, on average, it costs over \$1,000 per month to own a car, as of 2023, making it unaffordable for many Madison residents; and,

WHEREAS, having a variety of transportation options is crucial so that both people and businesses can have a transportation mode that works best for them when considering convenience, time, health, safety, cost, and other factors; and,

WHEREAS, options such as walking, rolling, biking and public transportation help communities thrive socially and economically, ease traffic congestion, benefit health, and promote a cleaner environment;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Madison Common Council proclaims September 30, 2024, through October 6, 2024, as the Week Without Driving in Madison.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Madison Common Council encourages all elected officials, staff members, and Madison drivers to take part in the Week Without Driving.