



**Student Government Resolution 119.029**

**A Resolution to Establish a Designated “Bike to Campus” Day for Truman State University Faculty, Staff, and Students**

**Sponsored by Emma Rollings, Environmental Affairs Committee Chair; Ethan Kershaw, Michael Lakey, Nick Dolson, Trey Maddeleno, Committee Members**

**WHEREAS,**

- The Student Government is the official governing body of the Student Association and exists to represent the present and long-term best interests of the Student Association in the formulation of University policy and in the fulfillment of the University’s mission; and
- Truman State University has consistently recognized the importance of sustainability to its goals as an institution of higher learning; and
- The Student Government of Truman State University passed Resolution 081.002 “Endorsing the President’s Climate Commitment”<sup>1</sup> to reduce the carbon emissions from university activities; and
- Transportation constituted approximately 29% of the United States’ greenhouse gas emissions in 2019;<sup>2</sup> and
- The Truman State University Strategic Sustainability Plan identifies the promotion of “multimodal transportation,” such as cycling, walking, and use of public transportation, as a sustainability principle for the university;<sup>3</sup> and
- Truman State University has invested in cycling infrastructure, including:
  - Bicycle racks outside of every academic and campus residential building,
  - The establishment of the bike share program for students in 2018,<sup>4</sup>
  - The Kirksville Bike Co-op,
  - Bicycle registration through DPS; and
- Truman State University was awarded a Bronze Award for the Bike Friendly University Program established by the League of American Bicyclists in 2016;<sup>5</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> <https://senate.truman.edu/previousessions/2007-2008-session-records/>

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.epa.gov/transportation-air-pollution-and-climate-change/carbon-pollution-transportation>

<sup>3</sup> <https://sustainability.truman.edu/files/2018/06/PSAC-Strategic-Goals-and-Initiatives-public.pdf>

<sup>4</sup> <https://recreation.truman.edu/bike-share/>

<sup>5</sup> <https://sustainability.truman.edu/transportation/>

- Kirksville, Missouri, has designated bicycle lanes around campus and in the town square; and
- Cycling presents an opportunity for community-building, decreased transportation expenses, and the incorporation of outdoor exercise into weekly schedules; and
- Meaningful promotion of sustainable alternatives can build community enthusiasm and long term support for sustainable lifestyle habits;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT:

- Supports the establishment of a monthly “Bike to Campus Day,” which will occur on the last Friday of every month during the Fall and Spring semesters (weather permitting) beginning in August of 2020; and
- Supports the placement of “Bike to Campus Day” on the official Truman event calendar; and
- Encourages collaboration with the Kirksville Bike Co-op, the Bicycle Friendly Campus Committee, and other sustainability organizations to promote faculty, staff, and student cycling in the Truman community; and
- Recommends that the 2020-2021 Student Government administration advertise these events; and
- Directs future Environmental Affairs Committee members maintain communication with campus offices involved in the development of physical infrastructure to ensure adequate bicycle rack space and funding.

THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT DIRECTS THAT:

Additional copies of this resolution be disseminated to President Sue Thomas; Truman State University Board of Governors; Donna Liss, Chair of the President’s Sustainability Action Committee; Lori Shook, Project Planner and Coordinator; Christine Harker, Professor of English; David Rector, Vice President for Administration, Finance, and Planning; Sam Guth, Physical Plant Director; Sara Seifert, Director of Public Safety; Environmental Sustainability Fee Accountability Committee; Kirksville Bike Co-op; Truman Media Network; and the University Archives.

Passed by Unanimous Consent, April 19, 2020.



Deanna Schmidt, President of the Student Association.