

**RESOLUTION NO. 252**

**REQUESTING THE ALBANY COUNTY TRAFFIC SAFETY BOARD DEVELOP A PUBLIC EDUCATIONAL CAMPAIGN FOR ALBANY COUNTY MOTORISTS REGARDING THE SAFE OVERTAKING OF BICYCLES IN ALBANY COUNTY**

Introduced: 6/13/11

By Messrs. Cotrofeld, Aylward, Beston, Bullock, Ms. Chapman, Messrs. Clay, Clenahan, Commisso, Ms. Connolly, Messrs. Dawson, Domalewicz, Ethier, Gordon, Higgins, Horstmyer, Houghtaling, Infante, Joyce, Ms. Maffia-Tobler, Messrs. Mayo, McCoy, Ms. McKnight, Messrs. Morse, Nichols, Rahm, Reilly, Scavo, Steck, Timmins, Ward and Ms. Willingham:

WHEREAS, It is in the interests of our citizens and the environment to promote the safe utilization of bicycles as a means of transportation in our County's communities, and

WHEREAS, The incorporation of Share the Road signs in a number of our recent roadway improvement projects is an express recognition of the public policy to promote the safe shared use of our roadways for both motorists and bicyclists, and

WHEREAS, The State recently enacted a new provision in Section 1122-a of the Vehicle and Traffic Law dictating that motor vehicles overtaking a bicycle are required to pass to the left of such bicycle at a safe distance until safely clear of the bicycle, and

WHEREAS, It is the responsibility of the Albany County Traffic Safety Board to offer public educational traffic safety programs, now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, By the Albany County Legislature that the Albany County Traffic Safety Board is requested to develop a public educational campaign for Albany County motorists relating to the safe overtaking of bicycles on our County's roadways, and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the County Legislature is directed to forward certified copies of this resolution to the appropriate County Officials.

*Adopted by unanimous vote. 6/13/11*