

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, walking and rolling to school can help enhance a child's health, physical activity, and school performance; and

WHEREAS, the path to healthy cities requires collaboration with public health, transportation, and education systems; and

WHEREAS, investing in pedestrian infrastructure can help us reduce vehicle miles traveled and reach greenhouse gas reduction targets in the Thurston Climate Mitigation Plan; and

WHEREAS, the City of Olympia passed a resolution to achieve a goal of net-zero emissions by 2040 in coordination with the Olympia High School Climate Action Club; and

WHEREAS, the City of Olympia constructs sidewalks, enhanced crosswalks, and neighborhood pathways to help students safely walk and roll to school; and

WHEREAS, the City of Olympia adopted the Transportation Master Plan, which prioritizes sidewalk and enhanced crosswalk projects based on how close they are to destinations like schools, parks, and transit stops; and

WHEREAS, members of the Olympia Police Department & Olympia Fire Department join Olympia youth in Walk and Roll to School events; and

WHEREAS, the City's Street Safety Plan prioritizes the safety of pedestrians and bicyclists; and

WHEREAS, in the month of October, youth, family members, and community leaders around the world are joining together for Walk and Roll to School events,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Olympia City Council hereby proclaims the month of October 2025 as

"WALK TO SCHOOL MONTH"

in the City of Olympia and encourages families, school employees, and community leaders to show children that walking and rolling is a fun, safe, and healthy way to get to destinations in their neighborhoods, whether they are schools, parks, or other places. Community leaders can, when driving, contribute to a culture of pedestrian safety by slowing down, especially in school zones, and by stopping for pedestrians who are trying to cross the street.

SIGNED IN THE CITY OF OLYMPIA, WASHINGTON THIS 30th DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2025.

OLYMPIA CITY COUNCIL

***Dontae Payne
Mayor***