

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, walking to school can build activity into a child's daily routine, improving health and school performance, and

WHEREAS, driving students to school in private vehicles contributes to traffic congestion and air pollution, and

WHEREAS, the City of Olympia constructs sidewalks, crossing improvements and neighborhood pathways to help students walk to school, and

WHEREAS, the City will build a sidewalk on Quince Street Northeast near Reeves Middle School, part of which is paid for by a Safe Routes to School grant from the Washington State Department of Transportation; and

WHEREAS, the City partners with the Olympia School District to install School Zone Flashing Beacons to alert drivers to slow down to 20 mph when children are walking and biking to school, including five new beacons around Olympia High School this year; and

WHEREAS, members of the Olympia Police Department & Olympia Fire Department join Olympia schoolchildren in monthly walk to school events; and

WHEREAS, in the month of October, children, parents, and community leaders around the country are joining together for Walk to School events,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Olympia City Council hereby proclaims the month of October 2017 as

“WALK TO SCHOOL MONTH”

in the City of Olympia and encourages parents, school employees, and community leaders to show children that walking is a fun, safe, and healthy way to get to destinations in their neighborhoods, whether they are schools, parks, or other places. All community leaders can contribute to a culture of pedestrian safety year round, even when driving, by slowing down to 20 mph and stopping for pedestrians who are trying to cross the street.

SIGNED IN THE CITY OF OLYMPIA, WASHINGTON THIS 3rd DAY OF OCTOBER, 2017.

OLYMPIA CITY COUNCIL

*Cheryl Selby
Mayor*