

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 and water pollution, and

WHEREAS, the City of Olympia constructs sidewalks, crossing improvements and neighborhood pathways to help students safely walk to school, 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, family members, and community leaders around the world are joining together for Walk to School events,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Olympia City Council hereby proclaims the month of October 2019 as

"WALK TO SCHOOL MONTH"

in the City of Olympia and encourages families, 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 in school zones and stopping for pedestrians who are trying to cross the street.