

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 of Olympia partners with the Olympia School District, Intercity Transit, and the Thurston Regional Planning Council to provide encouragement and safety education activities to students and their families, and

WHEREAS this year the City will be partnering to promote walking at Washington Middle School, Pioneer Elementary and NOVA School, part of which is paid for by a Safe Routes to School grant from the Washington State Department of Transportation; 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 2014 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 yielding to pedestrians who are trying to cross the street.

SIGNED IN THE CITY OF OLYMPIA, WASHINGTON THIS 23rd DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2014.

OLYMPIA CITY COUNCIL

*Stephen H. Buxbaum
Mayor*