

PROCLAMATION

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

WHEREAS, walking instead of driving students to school in private vehicles can help us reach greenhouse gas emission reduction targets identified in the Thurston Climate Mitigation Plan, and

WHEREAS, the City of Olympia constructs sidewalks, crosswalk improvements and neighborhood pathways to help students safely walk 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 schoolchildren in 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, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Olympia City Council does hereby proclaim October 2022 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, when driving, contribute to a culture of pedestrian safety year-round by slowing to 20 mph in school zones and by stopping for pedestrians who are trying to cross the street.

SIGNED IN THE CITY OF OLYMPIA, WASHINGTON THIS 27th DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2022.

OLYMPIA CITY COUNCIL

***Cheryl Selby
Mayor***