

Washoe County, Nevada

~PROCLAMATION~

WHEREAS, Parents driving children to school can account for up to 25 percent of the morning rush hour traffic in the vicinity of schools; and

WHEREAS, Walking and bicycling to school reduces the number of vehicle trips in the vicinity of schools and potential conflicts between vehicles and pedestrians or bicyclists; and

WHEREAS, Reducing the number of vehicles driving students to school results in increased safety, reduced traffic congestion, improved air quality, and less fuel consumption in the vicinity of schools; and

WHEREAS, The benefits related to physical activity at an early age play a leading role in reducing rates of heart disease, diabetes and other obesity related health problems among children; and

WHEREAS, Children walking and bicycling to school together with parents and caregivers opens opportunities to mentor children about pedestrian and bicycle safety and its benefits related to health and the environment; and

NOW, THEREFORE, the Washoe County Board of Commissioners does hereby proclaim October 12, 2016 as

~International Walk to School Day~

and encourages all Washoe County citizens to walk or bicycle to school with their children while celebrating the benefits of increased safety and health.

Dated this 20th day of September, 2016.



Kitty K. Jung, Chair
Washoe County Commission

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