

## **Walk to School Month Proclamation**

Whereas, hundreds of children could be saved each year if communities take steps to make pedestrian safety a priority, and

Whereas, a lack of physical activity plays a leading role in rising rates of obesity, diabetes and other health problems among children and being able to walk or bicycle to school offers an opportunity to build activity into daily routine, and

Whereas, driving students to school by private vehicle contributes to traffic congestion and air pollution, and

Whereas, an important role for parents and caregivers is to teach children about pedestrian safety and become aware of the difficulties and dangers that children face on their trip to school each day and the health and environmental risks related to physical inactivity and air pollution, and

Whereas, children, parents and caregivers, and community leaders across North America are joining together to walk to school in an effort to learn healthful and safe pedestrian habits and to evaluate pedestrian safety in their communities,

**Now Therefore, Be It Resolved that I, (Name, Title of Official) proclaim the month of October as "International Walk to School Month" in (Name of City, State) and encourage everyone to consider the safety and health of children this month and throughout the year.**

**[This proclamation can be amended to other occasions such as Physical Fitness Month as well]**