

# *Proclamation*

*WHEREAS*, making bicycle, pedestrian, and active transportation safety improvements a priority can help protect the life and safety of Tumwater's youth; and

*WHEREAS*, the City of Tumwater is working to add bike lanes, trails, sidewalks, and improve street crossings to better connect our neighborhoods and provide safer routes to schools; and

*WHEREAS*, increasing physical activity improves the health of our youth; and

*WHEREAS*, regularly walking, biking and rolling to school can be fun and increase students' readiness to learn; and

*WHEREAS*, driving students to school contributes to traffic congestion and air pollution; and

*WHEREAS*, an important role for parents and caregivers is to teach children how to safely walk, bike and roll on our streets; and

*WHEREAS*, in October, community leaders, parents and children from around the world will join together for Walk to School events to increase awareness about the health and environmental benefits of walking and biking to school.

*NOW THEREFORE*, I, Debbie Sullivan, Mayor of the City of Tumwater, do hereby proclaim

*October 2025*

*Walk to School Month*

and I call upon the people of the City of Tumwater to promote the safety and health of children this month and throughout the year by supporting pedestrian, bicycle and active transportation improvements, modeling safe pedestrian and bicycle behaviors, and helping make our roads safer for those walking and biking by participating in safe driving practices and following the speed limit. I invite parents, school employees, and community leaders to make a lasting impression on our community's youth by joining Tumwater students in walking to school.

Signed in the City of Tumwater, Washington, and recognized on this 7th day of October in the year, two thousand twenty-five.



*Debbie Sullivan*  
*Mayor*

