

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 2024

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 1st day of October in the year, two thousand twenty-four.



Debbie Sullivan

Mayor

