

CITY OF LACEY
Official Proclamation

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

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

WHEREAS, a lack of physical activity plays a leading role in rising rates of obesity, diabetes, and other health problems among children; and

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

WHEREAS, driving students to school in private vehicles contributes to traffic congestion and air pollution; and

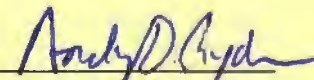
WHEREAS, an important role for parents and caregivers is to teach children how to safely walk and bike on our streets; and

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 schools.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Andy Ryder, Mayor of the City of Lacey, on behalf of the Lacey City Council, do hereby proclaim the month of October 2019 as

Walk to School Month

in the City of Lacey, and encourage all citizens of the City of Lacey to promote the safety and health of children this month and throughout the year by supporting pedestrian and bicycle improvements, modeling safe pedestrian and bicycle behaviors, and practicing an active lifestyle.



Mayor Andy Ryder
September 26, 2019