

## CITY OF LACEY *Official Proclamation*

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

**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**, regularly walking, biking, and rolling to school is fun, improves the health of our youth, and increases 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 be safe pedestrians and bicyclists 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, Andy Ryder, Mayor of the City of Lacey, on behalf of the Lacey City Council, do hereby recognize the month of October 2023, as

### *Walk to School Month*

in Lacey and encourage all community members to promote the safety and health of children this month and throughout the year by supporting pedestrian, bicycle, and active transportation improvements, driving responsibly in school zones, modeling safe pedestrian and bicycle behaviors, and practicing an active lifestyle.



  
Mayor Andy Ryder  
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