

MAYOR'S PROCLAMATION
INTERNATION WALK TO SCHOOL DAY AND
WALK AND BICYCLE TO SCHOOL MONTH
CITY OF MARSHFIELD

WHEREAS, the National Safe Routes to School Partnership, the Wisconsin Department of Transportation, Healthy Lifestyles, Marshfield Area Coalition, and the City of Marshfield are promoting walking to and from school and the Safe Routes to School Program,

WHEREAS, the health and safety of our children is of highest concern to the citizens of Marshfield;
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.

WHEREAS, driving students to school by private vehicle contributes to traffic congestion and air pollution, creating over 25% of community traffic at the beginning and end of each school day; 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.

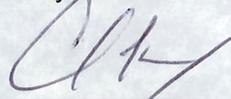
WHEREAS, community members and leaders should make a plan to make immediate changes to enable the children to safely walk and bicycle in our community and develop a list of suggestions for improvements that can be done over time.

WHEREAS, Walk and Bicycle to School Month in October and International Walk to School Day have proven to be helpful in encouraging children to safely walk and bicycle to school and in creating and promoting local Safe Route to Schools programs across the United States and throughout the world:

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Chris Meyer, Mayor, proclaim the month of October, 2016 as Walk and Bicycle to School Month and Wednesday, October 5, 2016 as International Walk to School Day in the City of Marshfield, and urge all students, parents, teachers, administrators, and schools within the Marshfield School District to participate in these events, and encourage everyone to consider the safety and health of children this month and every month.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto
set my hand this 9th day of September, 2016.



Chris Meyer, Mayor