

# Washoe County, Nevada

## ~PROCLAMATION~

- WHEREAS,** Parents driving children to school can account for up to 25 percent of the morning rush hour traffic in the vicinity of schools; and
- WHEREAS,** Walking and bicycling to school reduces the number of vehicle trips in the vicinity of schools and potential conflicts between vehicles and pedestrians or bicyclists; and
- WHEREAS,** Reducing the number of vehicles driving students to school results in increased safety, reduced traffic congestion, improved air quality, and less fuel consumption in the vicinity of schools; and
- WHEREAS,** The benefits related to physical activity at an early age play a leading role in reducing rates of heart disease, diabetes and other obesity related health problems among children; and
- WHEREAS,** Children walking and bicycling to school together with parents and caregivers opens opportunities to mentor children about pedestrian and bicycle safety and its benefits related to health and the environment; and

**NOW, THEREFORE,** the Washoe County Board of Commissioners does hereby proclaim October 7, 2015 as

### ~International Walk to School Day ~

and encourages all Washoe County citizens to walk or bicycle to school with their children while celebrating the benefits of increased safety and health.

Dated this 20<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2015.

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Marsha Berkbigler, Chair

Washoe County Commission

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