



PROCLAMATION

Bike & Walk to School Month

May 2019

WHEREAS: The lives of hundreds of children could be saved each year if communities take steps to make bicycle and pedestrian safety a priority; 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 ride a bicycle or walk to school offers an opportunity to build activity into daily routine; and

WHEREAS: Driving students to school by private vehicle contributes to traffic congestion and air pollution; and

WHEREAS: An important role for parents and caregivers is to teach children about bicycle and pedestrian safety and to 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; and

WHEREAS: Community leaders and parents can determine the bike and walk friendliness of their community by using guidance from the League of American Bicyclists, and to create safer roads, stronger communities, and a bicycle-friendly America; and

WHEREAS: Children, parents and community leaders around the world are joining together to bike and walk to school and evaluate bicycling conditions in their communities,

NOW THEREFORE, I, Michael O'Connor, Mayor of The City of Frederick, do hereby proclaim May 2019, as **Bike & Walk to School Month** in The City of Frederick, and encourage everyone to consider the safety and health of children today and every day.

Mayor Michael O'Connor
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