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Whereas: All children benefit when communities take steps to make pedestrian safety a priority; and

Whereas: Physical activity plays a leading role in reducing the 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 routines; and

Whereas: An important role for parents and caregivers is to teach children about pedestrian safety and the health benefits related to physical activity; and

Whereas: Walk to School Day in October has proven to be helpful in encouraging children to safely walk to school or the school bus and in creating and promoting local Safe Routes to School Programs across the United States and globally; and

Whereas: Walking and bicycling as modes of transportation can relieve traffic congestion and offer environmental benefits; and

Whereas: Children, parents and community leaders around the world are joining together to walk to school and improve walking and bicycling conditions in their communities.

Now, therefore, I, John Chelminiak, Mayor of the City of Bellevue, Washington, and on behalf of its City Council, do hereby proclaim **October 2, 2019** as:

INTERNATIONAL WALK TO SCHOOL DAY

I encourage everyone to consider the safety and health of children traveling to and from school today and every day.

John Chelminiak, Mayor
City of Bellevue