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

and

Whereas: Physical activity such as walking or biking to school plays a leading role in reducing the

rates of obesity, diabetes and other health problems among children; 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: This year's walk is coordinated by Bellevue SchoolPool, a collaboration between Bellevue,

King County Metro and Bellevue School District, to encourage families and students to

explore sustainable transportation options;

Now, therefore, I, Lynne Robinson, Mayor of the City of Bellevue, Washington, and on behalf of its City Council, do hereby proclaim **Oct. 6, 2021** as:

Bellevue SchoolPool Walk to School Day

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

Lynne Robinson, Mayor
City of Bellevue