

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the City of Salem makes pedestrian safety a priority for all; and

WHEREAS, an important role of parents and caregivers is to teach children pedestrian safety and help them to develop positive habits that contribute to lifelong wellness; and

WHEREAS, physical activity is a vital component in efforts that help to prevent childhood obesity, diabetes, and other health challenges faced by children and adults alike; and

WHEREAS, children walking or riding a bike to school provide opportunities to build activity into daily routine; and

WHEREAS, children, parents, and community leaders around the world are joining together to walk or bike to school and evaluate walking and biking conditions along the way; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Chuck Bennett, Mayor of the City of Salem, do hereby proclaim Wednesday, October 4, 2017, as

WALK AND BIKE TO SCHOOL DAY

and invite everyone in the community to join me in observing this event by walking or biking with a child to school, thereby supporting efforts to instill greater health and safety for Salem's youth.

DATED this twenty-fifth day of September, 2017.



Chuck Bennett, Mayor