

Proclamation

WHEREAS, returning to 1969 levels of walking and bicycling to school would save 3.2 billion vehicle miles, 1.5 million tons of carbon dioxide and 89,000 tons of other pollutants – equal to keeping more than 250,000 cars off the road for a year, and

WHEREAS, in the U.S., approximately 33% of children and adults, are now overweight or obese or at risk of becoming so and walking or bicycling to school offers an opportunity to build activity into daily routine, and

WHEREAS, physical activity and fitness boost learning and memory in children, and

WHEREAS, the average cost of running one bus route is \$37,000 per year, and

WHEREAS, driving students to school by private vehicle contributes to traffic congestion and air pollution and accounts for 10 to 14 percent of all personal vehicle trips made during the morning peak commute times, and

WHEREAS, GO! Chapel Hill promotes physical activity, decreased air pollution, and less traffic congestion through both design and programming, and

WHEREAS, Town staff works to identify opportunities for improving safety for children walking and biking to school, and

WHEREAS, children, parents and community leaders around the world are joining together to walk to school and evaluate walking and bicycling conditions in their communities.

NOW, THEREFORE, we, the Chapel Hill Town Council do hereby proclaim October 6, 2021, as

International Walk to School Day

in the Town of Chapel Hill and encourage all students and parents to consider the safety and health of children today and every day.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND THE SEAL OF THE TOWN ON
THIS THE TWENTY-NINTH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, TWO
THOUSAND AND TWENTY ONE.



Sam Henry