



Legislation Text

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Council Member Melden

**Recognizing October 6, 2021 as Walk to School Day.**

WHEREAS, the City of Toledo supports policies and programs that focus on health and wellness and healthier community environments; and

WHEREAS, the health and safety of children is of highest concern to the citizens of Toledo; walking and biking can help enhance the health and overall physical activity of children, improve air quality and the environment, and reduce traffic congestion and speed in and around school zones; and

WHEREAS, Safe Routes to School is a national international movement to create safe, convenient, and fun opportunities for children to walk and bike to school; and

WHEREAS, Safe Routes to School efforts help remove barriers to walking and biking to school through improvement of infrastructure and facilities and the creation of education, encouragement, engineering, enforcement, and evaluation programs; and

WHEREAS, having safer routes to and from schools can decrease pedestrian and bicycling related injuries, not just for students, but for the entire community and it is fitting that the City of Toledo recognizes the importance of making walking and biking to school a safe activity; and

WHEREAS, Walk to School Day Events in October have proven to be helpful in encouraging children to safely walk and bicycle to school and in creating and promoting local Safe Route to Schools programs across the United States and throughout the world; children, parents and community leaders around the world are joining together to walk to school to bring attention to the importance of creating safe routes to school; and

WHEREAS, the City of Toledo will participate in and support the Safe Routes to School initiative in order to gain the benefits mentioned above and strengthen the quality of life for the City of Toledo students, families, and neighborhoods; NOW, THEREFORE,

Be it resolved by the Council of the City of Toledo:

SECTION 1. That the City of Toledo recognizes October 6, 2021 as Walk to School Day and urges all students, parents, teachers, administrators, schools, and school districts to participate in these events.

SECTION 2. That this Resolution shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

Adopted: September 28, 2021: yeas 12, nays 0.

Attest:

Gerald E. Dendinger  
Clerk of Council

Matt Cherry  
President of Council

Approved:

September 28, 2021  
Wade Kapszukiewicz  
Mayor