



## STATE of MINNESOTA

# Proclamation

- WHEREAS: Children's lives are safer when communities prioritize pedestrian and bicycle safety; and
- WHEREAS: A lack of physical activity can play a role in health problems among children, and being able to walk or bike to school offers an opportunity to build physical activity into daily routines; and
- WHEREAS: Increasing the number of children safely walking and biking to school can reduce traffic congestion, improve air quality, and reduce asthma attacks; and
- WHEREAS: Safe Routes to School interventions have been shown to reduce the rate of pedestrian injury by 44 percent; and
- WHEREAS: Busing shortages have schools reimagining their transportation plans, and not every parent or caregiver can afford to drive their student to school; and
- WHEREAS: Transportation is the second-highest household expense in the United States, and Safe Routes to School programs may help encourage more parents and children to consider walking or biking to school instead of using a bus or a car; and
- WHEREAS: Active kids learn better, and Safe Routes to School programs help students better focus in the classroom; and
- WHEREAS: Hundreds of schools across Minnesota have been awarded funding through MnDOT's planning, infrastructure, or non-infrastructure grants; and
- WHEREAS: Walk and Bike to School Days are special events to help make walking and biking more visible, fun, and rewarding for children. Encouraging parents and students to make walking and biking to school a habit and allow decision-makers to witness the value of walkable and bikeable communities.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, TIM WALZ, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Wednesday, October 12, 2022, as:

## WALK AND BIKE TO SCHOOL DAY

in the State of Minnesota.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this 11<sup>th</sup> day of October.

  
GOVERNOR

  
SECRETARY OF STATE