City of Petaluma
Proclamation

INTERNATIONAL WALK AND ROLL TO SCHOOL DAY – OCTOBER 9, 2013

WHEREAS, a lack of physical activity plays a leading role in rising rates of obesity, diabetes and other health problems among children and being able to walk or bicycle to school offers an opportunity to build activity into daily routine; and

WHEREAS, driving students to school by private vehicle contributes to traffic congestion, air pollution, and climate change; and

WHEREAS, an important role for parents and caregivers is to teach children about pedestrian and bicycle safety and become aware of the difficulties and dangers that children face on their trip to school each day and the health and environmental risks related to physical inactivity and air pollution; and

WHEREAS, community leaders and parents can determine the "walkability" or "bikeability" of their community by using a walkability or bikeability checklist and collaborating with local public works agencies; and

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

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, David Glass, Mayor of Petaluma, along with the members of the City Council, do hereby proclaim October 9, 2013 as "International Walk and Roll to School Day" in Petaluma and encourage everyone to consider the safety and health of children today and every day.

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David Glass, Mayor

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Claire Cooper, City Clerk