

PROCLAMATION

WALK TO SCHOOL DAY OCTOBER 3, 2012

Whereas, the lives of hundreds of children could be saved each year if communities take steps to make pedestrian safety a priority, and

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 and air pollution, and

Whereas, an important role for parents and caregivers is to teach children about pedestrian 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, children, parents and community leaders around the world are joining together to walk to school, and

Whereas, the Principal of Oak Trace Elementary, Robin Lynch, has been working with the City of Westfield to submit a grant application to the Indiana Safe Routes to School Committee for infrastructure improvements throughout the local neighborhood to extend the existing walking path to the school.

Now Therefore, Be It Resolved that I, J. Andrew Cook, Mayor of the city of Westfield, Indiana, proclaim October 3, 2012, **Walk to School Day** in Westfield, Indiana and I plan to celebrate by walking to school with the children of Oak Trace Elementary School.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed, the great seal of the City of Westfield, Indiana, on this 24th day of September, 2012.

(City Seal)

J. Andrew Cook
Mayor
City of Westfield