



Proclamation

Walk & Roll to School Day

WHEREAS, the 27th annual National Walk & Roll to School Day will be celebrated on October 4, 2023, and communities across the United States will celebrate on various days in October, including Carrboro on Wednesday, October 11; and

WHEREAS, communities participate in Walk & Roll to School Day to encourage all forms of active transportation to school and to inspire local action to create habits, policies, and environments that support students walking to and from school; and

WHEREAS, teaching children to walk, roll, or bike to school safely can help create lifelong travel habits and offer opportunities for students to incorporate physical activity into their daily routines, which is associated with improved academic performance; and

WHEREAS, enabling and encouraging more students to walk, roll, or bike to school safely benefits the whole community by creating safer streets, reducing traffic congestion, improving accessibility, fostering a stronger sense of community, lowering household transportation costs, and improving the health of the environment; and

WHEREAS, the Town's 2020 Updated Bicycle Transportation Plan recommends implementing the Safe Routes to School Action Plan, which strives to increase the number of students walking and rolling to school, to encourage active lifestyles, and to improve traffic safety; and the Town's 2020 Community Climate Action Plan recommends accelerating efforts to support the Safe Routes to School program, including coordination with Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools; and

WHEREAS, the Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools Board of Education endorsed the Carrboro Safe Routes to School Action Plan, and the Town Council has reestablished the Town's Safe Routes to School Implementation Committee to lead implementation of the plan and coordinate efforts between the Town and Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools; and

WHEREAS, the mayor and other members of the Town Council will lead Carrboro's Walk & Roll to School Day events on October 11 by walking with students from Wilson Park to Carrboro Elementary School; and

WHEREAS, the Town is working with McDougle Elementary School, McDougle Middle School, and Morris Grove Elementary School to count students on Walk & Roll to School Day;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Damon Seils, mayor of the Town of Carrboro, North Carolina, do hereby proclaim Wednesday, October 11, 2022, to be Walk & Roll to School Day in Carrboro. I encourage all students in Carrboro who are able to do so safely to walk, roll, or take the bus to school on this day and to consider doing so as often as possible during the school year.

This the 3rd day of October 2023.

Damon Seils

Damon Seils, Mayor

