

Proclamation

Walk & Roll to School Day

WHEREAS, the 28th annual National Walk & Roll to School Day is October 9th, 2024; and,

WHEREAS, communities across the United States 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 routine, 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 of Carrboro is committed to implementing Carrboro's Safe Routes to School Action Plan, which strives to increase the number of students walking, biking, and rolling to school, to encourage active lifestyles, and to improve traffic safety; and,

WHEREAS, the Town's 2022-2042 Comprehensive Plan, Carrboro Connects, recommends implementing the Safe Routes to School Action Plan in coordination with Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools; and,

WHEREAS, the Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools Board of Education endorsed Carrboro's Safe Routes to School Action Plan; and,

WHEREAS, the Town's Safe Routes to School Implementation Committee leads implementation of the plan and coordinates 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 by walking with students from Wilson Park to Carrboro Elementary School; and,

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

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Barbara M. Foushee, mayor of the Town of Carrboro, North Carolina, do hereby proclaim Wednesday, October 9th, 2024, 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 9th day of October, 2024.


Barbara M. Foushee

