



TOWN OF CARRBORO

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PROCLAMATION DESIGNATING OCTOBER 2016 AS “CARRBORO WALK/BIKE TO SCHOOL MONTH” AND OCTOBER 5, 2016, AS “CARRBORO WALK/BIKE TO SCHOOL DAY”

WHEREAS, walking and bicycling to school in the United States has declined from 48 percent of all K through 8 students in 1969 to 13 percent in 2009, according to the National Center for Safe Routes to School; and,

WHEREAS, in 2012 18 percent of children aged 6-11 were obese, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; and,

WHEREAS, a study of more than 800 schools found that Safe Routes to School programs resulted in an average 31 percent increase in walking and bicycling to school over a five-year period; and,

WHEREAS, the League of American Bicyclists encourages Carrboro to expand our Safe Routes to School program in order to reach Gold-level Bicycle Friendly Community status; and,

WHEREAS, *Carrboro Vision 2020* Policy 3.25 encourages pedestrian safety; and,

WHEREAS, the Safe Routes to School Implementation Committee is working to establish Walk/Bike to School Days in all of Carrboro’s schools, as recommended in the Safe Routes to School Action Plan adopted in 2012;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that I, Lydia Lavelle, Mayor of the Town of Carrboro, North Carolina, do hereby proclaim the **month of October 2016** as “**Carrboro Walk/Bike to School Month**” and **October 5th, 2016** as “**Carrboro Walk/Bike to School Day**”.

This is the 27th day of September 2016



Lydia E. Lavelle, Mayor