



# COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA CALIFORNIA

## RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING OCTOBER 9, 2024 AS NATIONAL WALK & ROLL TO SCHOOL DAY

**WHEREAS**, National Walk & Roll to School Day is celebrated in communities across the country where there is a commitment to improving health and well-being of youth; and

**WHEREAS**, National Walk & Roll to School Day encourages students to engage in physical activity and reduce their carbon footprint by walking, biking, or using other multi-modal means to get to school; and

**WHEREAS**, the Safe Routes to School Program, as established by the U.S. Department of Transportation, plays a pivotal role in creating safe environments for students to walk and bike to school by providing infrastructure improvements, educational programs, and community engagement; and

**WHEREAS**, the benefits of walking and biking to school include increased physical activity, safer streets, and connected communities while raising awareness of traffic rules, healthier lifestyles, and encouraging neighborhood awareness to share the road with pedestrians and cyclists; and

**WHEREAS**, National Walk & Roll to School Day fosters a sense of independence and responsibility in students as they navigate their neighborhoods safely; and

**WHEREAS**, National Walk & Roll to School Day alleviates traffic congestion on the streets and helps reduce the amount of air pollutants emitted by automobiles, which contribute to climate change and increase in respiratory illnesses; and

**WHEREAS**, celebrating National Walk & Roll to School Day on October 9, 2024, aligns with our commitment to creating a more sustainable, healthy and active future for our youth.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that this Board of Supervisors supports the designation of October 9, 2024, as National Walk & Roll to School Day, and we encourage schools, parents, and kids to participate in this meaningful event to promote the health and well-being of our students and the environment.

Passed and adopted by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California, this 8th day of October, 2024, by unanimous vote of all members present.



Supervisor - 1st District

Supervisor - 2nd District

Supervisor - 3rd District

Supervisor - 4th District

Supervisor - 5th District

ATTEST:

Clerk of the Board