



Mayoral Proclamation

Walk & Roll to School Day – Wednesday, October 9, 2024

- WHEREAS, the Partnership for a Walkable America was the sponsor of the first National Walk Our Children to School Day in 1997; and
- WHEREAS, the day has become an international event with the US, Canada and the U.K. since 2000. *Safe Routes: National Center for Safe Routes to School* promotes and organizes the annual Walk & Roll to School Day event along with its network members throughout the Country; and
- WHEREAS, Walk & Roll to School Day invites students, families, and caretakers to use alternative forms of human-powered transportation, such as walking or rolling, to get to school; and
- WHEREAS, the goal of this day is to raise awareness and support for the health, community and environmental benefits of regularly walking or rolling to school; and
- WHEREAS, the City of Takoma Park works with five local public schools and their affiliated parent teacher associations to build enthusiasm and encourage participation across the full school community; and
- WHEREAS, Takoma Park recognizes the importance of Walk & Roll to School Day to practice healthy habits that encourage regular physical activity, improve health and well-being, raise awareness of pedestrian safety, reduce car trips, and transition to sustainable forms of transportation to combat climate change and create a more livable community for all.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Talisha Searcy, Mayor of the City of Takoma Park, Maryland, on behalf of the Council, staff and residents, hereby proclaim Wednesday, October 9, 2024 as Walk & Roll to School Day.

Dated this XX Day of September, 2024.

**Talisha Searcy
Mayor**

Attest:
