

PROCLAMATION
DESIGNATING OCTOBER 2013, AS “CARRBORO WALK/BIKE TO SCHOOL MONTH” AND
OCTOBER 9TH, 2013 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 2010, approximately 18 percent of children and adolescents aged 6 to 11 were obese, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; and,

WHEREAS, in 2009 in Orange County, 35.7 percent of children aged 5 to 11 were overweight or obese, according to Orange County’s State of the County Health Report; and,

WHEREAS, a lack of physical activity plays a leading role in rising rates of obesity, diabetes and other health problems among children, and being able to walk or bicycle to school offers them an opportunity to build activity into their daily routine; and,

WHEREAS, encouraging walking and bicycling to school can help promote an active lifestyle among Carrboro children; and,

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

WHEREAS, the Carrboro Comprehensive Bicycle Transportation Plan of 2009 recommends implementing Safe Routes to School planning activities and events; and,

WHEREAS, the Carrboro Safe Routes to School Action Plan, adopted by the Board of Aldermen on May 22, 2012, and endorsed by the Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools Board of Education on October 4, 2012, recommends establishing a regular Walk and Bike to School Day;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that I, Mark Chilton, Mayor of the Town of Carrboro, North Carolina, do hereby proclaim that **October 2013** is designated as “**Carrboro Walk/Bike to School Month**” and **October 9th, 2013**, is designated as “**Carrboro Walk/Bike to School Day**”.

This the 1st day of October in the year 2013

Mark Chilton, Mayor