

CITY OF YAKIMA P R O C L A M A T I O N

WHEREAS, creating a bicycle and pedestrian-friendly community has been shown to improve citizens' health, well-being, and quality of life, growing the economy of Yakima by attracting tourism dollars, improving traffic safety, supporting student learning outcomes, and reducing pollution, congestion, and wear and tear on our streets and roads; and

WHEREAS, state and local governments and school districts encourage and promote healthy and active lifestyles for students and residents; and

WHEREAS, a lack of physical activity plays a leading role in rising rates of obesity and diabetes and other health problems and being able to walk or bike to school offers an opportunity to build activity into students' daily routines; and

WHEREAS, Yakima Bikes and Walks and other civic groups here and around the nation will be promoting bicycling and walking during the month of May 2019; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kathy Coffey, Mayor of the City of Yakima and on behalf of the Yakima City Council, do hereby proclaim the month of May 2019 as

"BIKE AND WALK TO WORK AND SCHOOL MONTH"

in the City of Yakima and urge all residents to join us in this special observance.

Dated this 7th day of May, 2019

Kathy Coffey, Mayor