

PROCLAMATION

Official National Bike to School Day

WHEREAS, hundreds of children could be saved each year if communities take steps to make bike and pedestrian safety a priority.

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 bicycle or walk to school offers an opportunity to build activity into daily routine.

WHEREAS, driving students to school by private vehicle contributes to traffic congestion and air pollution.

WHEREAS, an important role for parents and caregivers is to teach children about bicycle safety and become aware of the difficulties and dangers that children face on their trip to school each day and the health and environmental risks related to physical inactivity and air pollution.

WHEREAS, the Village has used community member and citizen input to create a Bicycle and Pedestrian Transportation Plan to make immediate and long term changes to enable children to safely bicycle and walk in our community.

WHEREAS, children, parents and community leaders around the country are joining together to bike to school and evaluate bicycling and walking conditions in their communities.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Karen Darch, President of the Village of Barrington, Cook and Lake Counties, on behalf of the Village Board of Trustees and the Village of Barrington, do hereby proclaim May 8, 2013, "National Bike to School Day" in the Village of Barrington and encourage everyone to consider the safety and health of children today and every day.

Dated this 22nd day of April, 2013

*Karen Darch
Village President*