

P R O C L A M A T I O N

RECOGNIZING OCTOBER 17 - 21, 2016 AS "WALKTOBER" WEEK" IN FORT BRAGG AND PROCLAIMING WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2016 AS FORT BRAGG "WALK TO SCHOOL DAY"

WHEREAS, the City of Fort Bragg has implemented a Safe Routes to School program and completed a number of infrastructure improvements in the areas serving Redwood Elementary School, Dana Gray Elementary School, Fort Bragg Middle School, and Fort Bragg High School; and

WHEREAS, the City of Fort Bragg has secured additional grant funding through the State Active Transportation Program (ATP) to complete further infrastructure improvements to enhance bicycle and pedestrian safety in areas serving schools in the Fort Bragg Unified School District; and

WHEREAS, with designated ATP funding, the City of Fort Bragg has contracted with Walk & Bike Mendocino to provide Safe Routes to School education and increase community awareness and support for Active Transportation; and

WHEREAS, non-vehicular commuting to school benefits children and families by promoting physical activity, reducing car-related pollution and traffic hazards, and contributing to a cleaner, safer and healthier community; and

WHEREAS, communities throughout Mendocino County are designating October as "Walktober," and the Safe Routes to School Committee will provide special activities to promote participation of Fort Bragg students in Walktober Week October 17-21, 2016, and Walk to School Day on Wednesday, October 19, 2016; and

WHEREAS, Walk to School events will take place across California, the United States, and internationally in October 2016, to focus on the many benefits of walking or bicycling rather than driving to school; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Dave Turner, Mayor of the City of Fort Bragg, on behalf of the entire City Council, do hereby recognize the week of October 17-21, 2016, as Walktober Week, and proclaim October 19, 2016, as Fort Bragg Walk to School Day. Further, I encourage everyone to participate in this very worthwhile event and to consider the safety and health of our community's children this week and throughout the year.

SIGNED this 26th day of September, 2016.

DAVE TURNER, Mayor

ATTEST:

Brenda Jourdain, Acting City Clerk