

International Walk to School Day, iWalk

- WHEREAS,** Moscow is proud to be bicycle-pedestrian-friendly, recognized by the White House and the National League of Cities as a Let's Move! City; and
- WHEREAS,** Nationwide, only 35% of students in grades K-8 who live within a mile of school walk or cycle, compared to 89% in 1969; and
- WHEREAS,** Sedentary lifestyles contribute to rising rates of obesity, diabetes, heart disease, high blood pressure, and other health problems; and
- WHEREAS,** Driving students to school, particularly by private vehicles, contributes to traffic congestion, greenhouse gas emissions, and air pollution; and
- WHEREAS,** It is desirable to teach children about pedestrian navigation and safety, physical fitness, and environmental health; and
- WHEREAS,** Land use planning can enable healthy lifestyles, mobility options, social connectivity, and other measures of livability that attract residents and businesses; and
- WHEREAS,** The City of Moscow has productive partnerships with University of Idaho Movement Sciences, Safe Routes to School, Idaho Transportation Department, and others to secure funding, improve infrastructure, and develop programs that support walking or biking to school; and
- WHEREAS,** In 2000, the U.S., Canada, and Great Britain created International Walk to School Day; and
- WHEREAS,** On that day this year, about 1,500 Moscow students, parents, community leaders, school teachers and staff will join their counterparts from 36 countries around the world in walking and bicycling to school;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Bill Lambert, Mayor for the City of Moscow, Idaho, USA do hereby proclaim Wednesday, October 8, 2014 as

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in our community, and I encourage everyone to consider the safety and health of children and the vulnerability of pedestrians and bicyclists on that day and every day.



DATED this 8th day of October, 2014

Bill Lambert

Bill Lambert, Mayor