Item No. 2(b)

CITY OF BELLEVUE, WASHINGTON

PROCLAMATION

Whereas: All children benefit when communities take steps to make pedestrian safety a priority; and

Whereas: Physical activity plays a leading role in reducing the rates of obesity, diabetes and other health problems among children and being able to walk or bicycle to school offers an opportunity to build activity into daily routines; and

Whereas: An important role for parents and caregivers is to teach children about pedestrian safety and the health benefits related to physical activity; and

Whereas: Community members and leaders should continue to improve the ability of children to safely walk and bicycle in Bellevue to get to school, to the park, and to visit friends; and

Whereas: Children, parents and community leaders around the world are joining together to walk to school and improve walking and bicycling conditions in their communities;

Now, therefore, I, Conrad Lee, Mayor, and on behalf of the Bellevue City Council do hereby proclaim the day of **October 9, 2013,** as:

International Walk to School Day

in Bellevue, and encourage everyone to consider the safety and health of children today and every day.

Conrad Lee
Mayor