

# PROCLAMATION

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

*WHEREAS, a lack of physical activity plays a leading role in rising rates of child obesity, diabetes and other health problems. Being able to walk or bicycle to school offers an opportunity to build activity into daily routine; and*

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

*WHEREAS, an important role for parents and caregivers is to teach children about pedestrian safety and to become aware of the difficulties and dangers that children face on their daily trip to school; and*

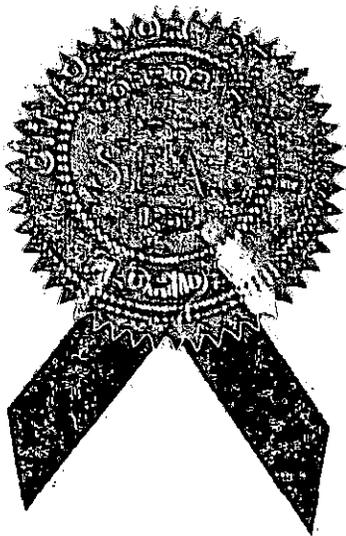
*WHEREAS, community leaders and members should make a plan to make immediate changes to enable children to safely walk and bicycle in our communities and develop a list of improvements that can be done over time; and*

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

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, JoAnn M. Faiella, Mayor of the City of Port St. Lucie, do proclaim that Monday, March 2, 2012, be observed as:*

## *International Walk to School Day*

*and encourage everyone to consider the health and safety of children every day.*



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I HAVE HEREUNTO  
SET MY HAND AND CAUSED THE OFFICIAL  
SEAL OF THE CITY OF PORT ST. LUCIE,  
FLORIDA, TO BE AFFIXED, THIS TWENTY-  
SEVENTH DAY OF FEBRUARY, IN THE YEAR  
OF OUR LORD, TWO THOUSAND AND TWELVE.

*JoAnn M. Faiella*  
JoAnn M. Faiella, Mayor  
*Karen A. Phillips*  
Karen A. Phillips, City Clerk