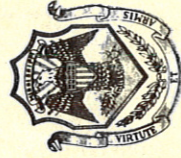


STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

Office of the Governor



A Proclamation

WHEREAS, the State of Mississippi encourages communities to take steps to make 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 walk or bicycle 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 pedestrian 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, community leaders and parents can determine the "walkability" of their community by using a walkability checklist.

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

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

WHEREAS, Moss Point Police Department - School Crossing Guards has planned pedestrian safety activities and School-based events for International Walk to School Day 2010 in an effort to educate children and families about the importance of pedestrian safety;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Haley Barbour, Governor of the State of Mississippi, hereby proclaim October 2011 as

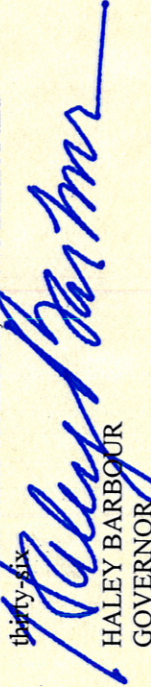
WALK TO SCHOOL MONTH

In the city of Moss Point, Mississippi and encourage everyone to consider the safety and health of children today and everyday.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set My hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Mississippi to be affixed.

DONE in the City of Jackson, on the 7th day of July in the year of our Lord, two thousand and eleven, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the two hundred and thirty-six


HALEY BARBOUR
GOVERNOR