

**Resolution No. 2016- 06**  
**Flagler County School District**  
**A Resolution of the School Board of Flagler County, Florida**  
**DESIGNATING AUGUST 15-19, 2016 AS**  
**PEDESTRIAN AND CYCLIST SAFETY WEEK**

**WHEREAS:** walking and bicycling to school are viable and environmentally sound forms of transportation, an excellent form of exercise and provide quality recreation; and

**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 bicycle or walk 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:** Flagler County has seen an increase in the number of accidents involving bicycles and/or pedestrians over the past year; and

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

**WHEREAS:** an important role for parents and legal guardians is to teach children about pedestrian and bicycle safety and become aware of the challenges and dangers that they face on their trip to school each day; and

**WHEREAS:** Flagler County Schools believes that raising awareness of bicyclist and pedestrian safety is vital to ensuring the health and well-being of all students and citizens in the Flagler County area; and

**WHEREAS:** in an effort to promote public awareness of this important issue, Flagler County Schools strongly urges all motorists to be on the alert for bicyclists and pedestrians, especially when making turns, all bicyclists and pedestrians to ride/walk safely and according to the law; and to do what they can to make themselves more visible to motorists such as wearing bright reflective clothing and using lights on bicycles when dark; and

**WHEREAS:** community based partnerships are essential to the success of these initiatives;

**WHEREAS:** the Community Problem Solvers Group known as "Street Talk" has planned pedestrian and cyclist safety activities and school-based events during the first full week of school offering students the opportunity to gain the skills and knowledge necessary to travel safely to and from school whether it be through walking or cycling; and

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that The School Board of Flagler County, Florida, proclaims the first full week of school, August 15-19, 2016 as \_\_\_\_\_**

**Pedestrian and Cyclist Safety Week**

in Palm Coast/Flagler County and urge all residents to recognize this important initiative by becoming more aware of cyclists and walkers and to take appropriate precautions to ensure the safety of all students using our roadways. Further, we encourage all students to become familiar with the benefits offered by the Pedestrian and Cyclist education programs in this community and to support and participate in these programs to enhance their individual knowledge and safety thereby preventing pedestrian and cyclist injuries and deaths.

*PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 2<sup>ND</sup> DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2016  
THE SCHOOL BOARD OF FLAGLER COUNTY, FLORIDA*

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