



PROCLAMATION

Declaring Crosswalk Safety Month in Marysville

WHEREAS, pedestrians - people who travel by foot, wheelchair, stroller or similar means - are among the most vulnerable users of the road; and

WHEREAS, about 430 people in our country are sent to hospital emergency rooms for traffic-related pedestrian injuries each day, and 12 of them die from those injuries; and

WHEREAS, 5,376 pedestrians were killed in traffic deaths in the U.S. in 2015, and another 129,000 were treated in emergency departments for non-fatal injuries; and

WHEREAS, pedestrians are 1.5 times more likely than vehicle occupants to be killed in a car crash; and

WHEREAS, teens and young adults ages 15-29 are more likely to be treated for crash-related pedestrian injuries than other age groups; and

WHEREAS, children are at even greater risk of pedestrian injury or death due to their small size, inability to judge vehicle distances and speeds, and lack of experience with traffic rules; and

WHEREAS, in 2015, one in every five children age 14 and under who were killed in traffic crashes were pedestrians; and

WHEREAS, in the City of Marysville alone, 36 collisions involving vehicles and pedestrians or bicyclists were reported in 2016, the most recent year for which statistics are available; and

WHEREAS, in the interest of public safety and a healthy community, the City aims to reduce the number of vehicle-pedestrian collisions in Marysville;

NOW, THEREFORE I, JON NEHRING, MAYOR, on behalf of the City Council and our community, do hereby proclaim May 2018 as

CROSSWALK SAFETY MONTH

in the City of Marysville. I encourage all drivers, pedestrians, residents and visitors to learn about crosswalk safety during the month of May and to improve our community's health and safety by exercising caution at intersections and crosswalks year-round.

Under my hand and seal this seventh day of May, 2018.

THE CITY OF MARYSVILLE

Jon Nehring, Mayor