



## 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, pedestrian deaths in the United States reached a 30-year high last year with about 6,590 pedestrians killed in traffic in 2019, the highest number since 1988; and
- WHEREAS, pedestrian deaths accounted for 17 percent of all traffic fatalities last year and the last time the percentage was that high was in 1982, more than 35 years ago; 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 2019, 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, 24 collisions involving vehicles and pedestrians were reported in 2018, 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 2020 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 twenty-seventh day of April, 2020.

THE CITY OF MARYSVILLE

---

*Jon Nehring, Mayor*