

**RESOLUTION NO. 2012 - 20**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF  
GILROY IN SUPPORT OF THE SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL  
PROGRAM**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Gilroy supports policies and programs that focus on health and wellness and healthier community environments; and

**WHEREAS**, the health and safety of children is of highest concern to the citizens of Santa Clara County; and

**WHEREAS**, a lack of physical activity plays a leading role in the rising rates of obesity, diabetes, and other health problems among children (and adults); and

**WHEREAS**, the San Jose-Sunnyvale-Santa Clara metropolitan area ranks 4<sup>th</sup> nationally in percentage of pedestrian traffic deaths; and

**WHEREAS**, from 1969 to 2007, the percentage of children nationally who walked or bicycled to school decreased from 48% to 13%; and

**WHEREAS**, driving students to school in private vehicles contributes to traffic congestion, safety concerns, and air pollution; and

**WHEREAS**, being able to walk or bicycle to school along safe routes offers an opportunity to build healthful physical activity into daily routines, so that children can arrive at school ready to learn; and

**WHEREAS**, Safe Routes to School is a national and international movement to create safe, convenient, and fun opportunities for children to bicycle and walk to school; and

**WHEREAS**, Safe Routes to School programs require the formation of multidisciplinary teams in each community to increase awareness of and support schools and students; and

**WHEREAS**, having safer routes to and from schools can decrease pedestrian and bicycling related injuries, not just for students, but for the entire community; and

**WHEREAS**, Safe Routes to School initiatives can strengthen a positive connection between schools and neighborhoods by creating beneficial interactions between children and adults; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 8, 2012, the Cities Association Board of Directors adopted a Resolution supporting Safe Routes to School and encouraged all cities in Santa Clara County to pass resolutions to demonstrate commitment to increasing pedestrian activity, bicycling and transit use among school aged children and their families; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Gilroy has already created Safe Routes To School initiatives that help to remove barriers to walking and bicycling to school through improvement of infrastructure and facilities and the creation of education, encouragement, engineering, enforcement, and evaluation programs.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GILROY** that the City of Gilroy supports Safe Routes to School and is committed to increasing pedestrian activity, bicycling, and transit use among school aged children and families in the community.


**PASSED AND ADOPTED** this 21<sup>st</sup> day of May, 2012 by the following roll call  
vote:

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS: ARELLANO, BRACCO, DILLON,  
TUCKER, WOODWARD AND PINHEIRO

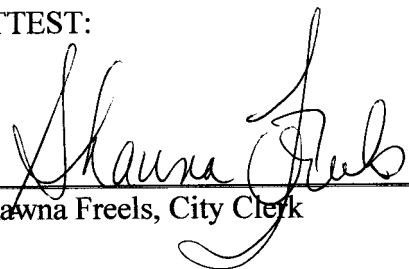
NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS: NONE

ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBERS: LEROE-MUÑOZ

APPROVED:

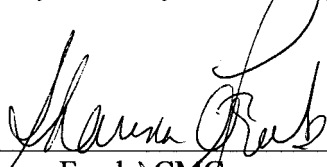
  
Albert Pinheiro, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Shawna Freels, City Clerk

I, SHAWNA FREELS, City Clerk of the City of Gilroy, do hereby certify that the attached Resolution No. 2012-20 is an original resolution, or true and correct copy of a city resolution, duly adopted by the Council of the City of Gilroy at a regular meeting of said Council held on the 21<sup>st</sup> day of May, 2012, at which meeting a quorum was present.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Official Seal of the City of Gilroy this 29<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2012.

  
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Shawna Freels, CMC  
City Clerk of the City of Gilroy

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