

## **RESOLUTION NO. 2684-10**

### **A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF WINDSOR SUPPORTING HEALTH ACTION'S SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL INITIATIVE**

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Windsor is concerned about the health and well-being of its residents and seeks to create a safe, healthy, sustainable, and livable community; and

**WHEREAS**, Health Action, a council of community leaders whose mission is to improve health and health care in Sonoma County, recommends local action to increase consumption of healthy food, increase physical activity, and connect all residents with prevention-focused primary health care; and

**WHEREAS**, regular walking, biking and using public transportation are simple and effective ways to improve the health of Town residents of all ages and reduce greenhouse gas emissions; and

**WHEREAS**, Safe Routes to School programs are proven effective in promoting walking and biking to school through education, encouragement, addressing safety concerns, and improving infrastructure; and

**WHEREAS**, local governments greatly influence the ability of residents to safely walk, bike and use public transportation through key powers over planning, land use, transportation, economic and community development, parks and recreation, and other community services.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Town Council of the Town of Windsor commits to:

- Support placing on the November 2010 ballot a Vehicle Registration Fee to be developed by the Sonoma County Transportation Authority to provide a sustainable source of revenue to support Safe Routes to School Programs, expanded bike and pedestrian paths, and increased transit options.
- Support the Health Action's countywide Safe Routes to School initiative and use Town communications media to promote walking and biking as vital health-promoting activities.
- Support Town programming (recreation programs, parks, trails and open spaces) that encourage community walking, biking and other physical activity.
- Take steps to improve the safety of walking and biking in the Town by assessing community infrastructure and identifying priority areas where improvements are needed to support safe walking, biking and other physical activity and to reduce dependence on cars.
- Support other alternative/public transportation policies and programs that encourage walking and biking to work and school.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 5<sup>TH</sup> day of May 2010, by the following vote:

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS FUDGE, SCHOLAR AND MAYOR SALMON  
NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS ALLEN AND GOBLE  
ABSTAIN: NONE  
ABSENT: NONE

  
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SAM SALMON, MAYOR

ATTEST:  
  
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MARIA DE LA O, TOWN CLERK