## MAYOR'S PROCLAMATION DESIGNATING OCTOBER 3, 2012 WALK TO SCHOOL DAY IN THE CITY OF PFLUGERVILLE

**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 walk or bicycle 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, an important role for parents and caregivers is to teach children about pedestrian safety and become aware of the difficulties and dangers that children face on their trip to school each day and the health and environmental risks related to physical inactivity and air pollution; and

**WHEREAS**, community members and leaders should make a plan to make immediate changes to enable children to safely walk and bicycle in our communities and develop a list of suggestions for improvements that can be done over time; and

WHEREAS, children, parents and community leaders around the world are joining together to walk to school and evaluate walking and bicycling conditions in their communities; and

**WHEREAS**, the partnership between the City of Pflugerville and Pflugerville ISD is of the utmost importance to the safety and well-being of our children and our community;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, I, Mayor Jeff Coleman, designate October 3, 2012 as **Walk to School Day in the City of Pflugerville** and hereby encourage all citizens to walk to school together on October 3, 2012 and to consider the safety and health of children every day.

Adopted this 25 <sup>th</sup> day of September, 2012.
CITY OF PFLUGERVILLE, TEXAS
Jeff Coleman, Mayor