

## **RESOLUTION 27-03-23**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF LAKE PARK, FLORIDA TO DESIGNATE THE TOWN AS A “VISION ZERO COMMUNITY”; ESTABLISHING A VISION ZERO COORDINATING COMMITTEE, DIRECTING STAFF TO CREATE A VISION ZERO ACTION PLAN WHICH ESTABLISHES A GOAL OF NO SEVERE TRAFFIC INJURIES OR FATALITIES BY 2033; DIRECTING AND AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO TAKE ALL NECESSARY ACTIONS TO EFFECTUATE SAME; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS**, the state of Florida has consistently ranked as the most dangerous state in the United States of America for pedestrians, ranking number 1 on the Pedestrian Danger Index by Smart Growth America; and

**WHEREAS**, the Miami-Fort Lauderdale-West Palm Beach urbanized area, which includes the Town of Lake Park (Town) consistently ranks as one of the worst metropolitan areas in the United States of America for pedestrian safety; and

**WHEREAS**, since 2002, an average of 187 people in Palm Beach County and 3,045 people in Florida have died annually on the state’s roadways; and

**WHEREAS**, Vision Zero starts with the ethical belief that everyone has the right to walk safely in their communities, and that system designers and policy makers share the responsibility to ensure safe systems for travel; and

**WHEREAS**, death and serious injuries are not acceptable for citizens, commuters, guests, or others who live, work, or play in the Town of Lake Park; and

**WHEREAS**, key elements of the Vision Zero system include: reframing traffic fatalities as preventable; focusing on system failure; reducing the impact of collisions; adopting a safe system approach for vehicles, bicycles and pedestrians; data-driven decision making; and viewing road safety as a social equity issue; and

**WHEREAS**, a roadway system with frequent crashes causes both travel delay and drains fiscal resources of the city, creating a threat to the success of the residential population and employment base, quality of life, and the reputation of the Town to be a desirable destination for future generations.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF LAKE PARK:**

**Section 1.** The Town Commission hereby establishes the elimination of traffic fatality and the reduction of serious injuries due to traffic accidents as a goal of the Town.

**Section 2.** The Town Commission hereby adopts Vision Zero as the policy for road and traffic safety in the Town and directs near and long- term traffic planning to be based on Vision Zero principles.

**Section 3:** The Town Commission directs the Town Manager to develop a Vision Zero Action Plan for achieving the goals of the elimination of traffic fatality and the reduction of serious injuries due to traffic crashes through adopting a safe system approach for vehicles, bicycles and pedestrians, equitable engineering, enforcement, education, data-driven decision making, and social equity considerations in road safety planning and implementation.

**Section 4.** This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its execution.