

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-xx -- A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF LAKE WORTH BEACH, FLORIDA, DESIGNATING THE CITY OF LAKE WORTH BEACH, FLORIDA AS A "VISION ZERO CITY", ESTABLISHING A VISION ZERO COORDINATING COMMITTEE, DIRECTING STAFF TO CREATE A VISION ZERO ACTION PLAN, ESTABLISHING A GOAL OF NO SEVERE TRAFFIC INJURIES OR FATALITIES BY 20XX; DIRECTING AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO TAKE ALL NECESSARY ACTIONS TO EFFECTUATE SAME; PROVIDING A CONFLICTS CLAUSE; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

WHEREAS, the State of Florida is the most dangerous state in the Nation for people walking, consistently ranking number 1 on the Pedestrian Danger Index by Smart Growth America, with the Miami-Fort Lauderdale-West Palm Beach urbanized area consistently ranking as one of the worst metropolitan areas in the country; and

WHEREAS, on average of 180 people in Palm Beach County and more than 3,100 people statewide die annually on roadways; and

WHEREAS, the City of Lake Worth Beach, by the nature of its historically compact layout, has the potential to be one of the most pedestrian and bicycle friendly communities in South Florida; and

WHEREAS, the City of Lake Worth Beach in fact continues to experience serious and sometimes fatal collisions between motorized vehicles and pedestrians or bicyclists; and

WHEREAS, Vision Zero starts with the ethical belief that everyone has the right to move 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 Lake Worth Beach; and

WHEREAS, key elements of the Vision Zero system include: reframing traffic fatalities as preventable; focusing on system failures; 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 delays and drains fiscal resources of the city, creating threats to the success of the residential population and employment base, to the quality of life, and to the reputation of the City as a desirable destination for future generations; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Commission that:

Section 1. The City Commission hereby establishes as a goal of the City of Lake Worth Beach the elimination of traffic fatalities and the reduction of serious injuries due to traffic accidents.

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

Section 3: The City Commission directs staff to work with the Palm Beach Transportation Planning Agency to develop a Vision Zero Action Plan for achieving the goals of the elimination of traffic fatalities 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 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

The passage of this resolution was moved by _____, seconded by _____, and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Mayor Betty Resch
Vice Mayor Herman Robinson
Commissioner Sarah Malega
Commissioner Christopher McVoy
Commissioner Kimberly Stokes

The Mayor thereupon declared this resolution duly passed and adopted on the ____ day of _____, 2022.

LAKE WORTH BEACH CITY COMMISSION

By: _____
Betty Resch, Mayor

ATTEST:

Melissa Ann Coyne, City Clerk