

RESOLUTION NO. 61-2022 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF LAKE WORTH BEACH, FLORIDA TO ESTABLISH THE CITY’S DESIRE TO BE DESIGNATED AS A “VISION ZERO CITY”, ESTABLISHES A FUTURE GOAL OF NO SEVERE TRAFFIC INJURIES OR FATALITIES; SUPPORTING THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION’S ESTABLISHED SAFETY TARGETS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, the State of Florida is the most dangerous state for people walking, consistent 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, 176 people in Palm Beach County and 3,189 people statewide die annually on roadways;

WHEREAS, the City Commission of the City of Lake Worth Beach recognizes that these statistics are not acceptable for residents, business owners, commuters, visitors, or others who live, work, or play in the City of Lake Worth Beach; 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 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, Vision Zero takes a “Safe System” approach to road safety – a holistic view that requires people to think about the road system in its entirety, from design guidelines, infrastructure projects, public participation, policy, and vehicle regulations all influence injuries and deaths; 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 City to be a desirable destination for future generations; and

WHEREAS, future implementation of the Vision Zero methodologies will also encourage collaboration with other agencies, including Palm Beach County, the Florida Department of Transportation, the Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles, and the School District of Palm Beach County, along with many others to support programs and initiatives that promote safer roads; and

WHEREAS, the City of Lake Worth Beach desires to use the proven methodologies of Vision Zero to keep our residents and those that travel through our City safe.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAKE WORTH BEACH, FLORIDA, that:

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

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: Upon execution of the resolution, one copy shall be forwarded to the Public Works Director as well as the Palm Beach County Transportation Planning Agency. The fully executed original shall be maintained by the City Clerk as public record of the City.

Section 4: This resolution shall become effective 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 Christopher McVoy
Commissioner Sarah Malega
Commissioner Kimberly Stokes
Commissioner Reinaldo Diaz

The Mayor thereupon declared this resolution duly passed and adopted on the 6th day of September, 2022.

LAKE WORTH BEACH CITY COMMISSION

By: _____
Betty Resch, Mayor

ATTEST:

Melissa Ann Coyne, City Clerk