

RESOLUTION NO. 2024- _____

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF
HERNANDO COUNTY, FLORIDA, ADOPTING A VISION ZERO POLICY
WITH THE GOAL OF ELIMINATING ALL TRAFFIC DEATHS AND
SERIOUS INJURY CRASHES IN HERNANDO COUNTY;
PROVIDING FOR FINDINGS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE
DATE.**

WHEREAS, the life, health, and safety of all persons living and traveling in Hernando County are our priority, and no one should die or be seriously injured while traveling throughout the County; and

WHEREAS, Vision Zero is the concept that traffic deaths and serious injuries on our roadways are unacceptable and is a strategy aimed to eliminate all traffic fatalities and severe injury crashes for all persons who travel on our roadways; and

WHEREAS, Vision Zero supports the design of streets and transportation systems to move all people safely, including persons of all ages and abilities, pedestrians, bicyclists, public transit users, motorcyclists, as well as drivers and passengers of motor vehicles; and

WHEREAS, Vision Zero recognizes that the road system and related policies should be designed to ensure that they do not result in severe injuries or fatalities; therefore, it is our duty, in partnership with transportation planners, engineers and policymakers, to improve the roadway environment, policies, and other related systems to lessen the severity of crashes; and

WHEREAS, Hernando County's transportation infrastructure serves an increasing number of vulnerable road users such as pedestrians and bicyclists; and

WHEREAS, 197 people have lost their lives and 1,502 people have suffered severe injuries due to traffic crashes in Hernando County between 2019 and 2023; and

WHEREAS, pedestrians and bicyclists are the most vulnerable road users and approximately 27% of pedestrian and bicyclist involved crashes resulted in fatalities and severe injuries across Hernando County between 2019 and 2023; and

WHEREAS, measures to make roads within Hernando County safer for all road users, particularly those who are most physically vulnerable, such as seniors, youth, and persons with disabilities, will further encourage people of all ages and abilities to walk, bike and take transit; and

WHEREAS, Vision Zero should create opportunities to invite meaningful input from the community, including residents that are disproportionately burdened by traffic collisions and historically have been underserved; and

WHEREAS, successful Vision Zero programs are a result of both a complete government approach (i.e., interdepartmental, coordinated initiatives) and community support of Vision Zero objectives and action plans.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF HERNANDO COUNTY, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Findings. Hernando County wishes to attain the goal of zero traffic deaths and serious injury crashes, as no loss of life or serious injury is acceptable on our streets. Endorsing a plan such as Vision Zero is a comprehensive and holistic approach at achieving this goal. The success of this goal will require support from the governmental entities and community-at-large through the development of a Safety Action Plan following the passage of this Resolution.

SECTION 2. Adoption. The Hernando County Board of County Commissioners authorizes the Department of Public Works – Engineering Division to lead the implementation of the Safety Action Plan and to ensure comprehensive and collaborative approach to achieving the plan’s goals following the passage of this Resolution.

SECTION 3. Effective Date. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption.

ADOPTED in Regular Session the _____ day of _____, 2024, A.D.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
HERNANDO COUNTY, FLORIDA**

ATTEST:

DOUGLAS A. CHORVAT, JR.
CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT & COMPTROLLER

ELIZABETH NARVERUD
CHAIRPERSON

(SEAL)

Approved as to Form and
Legal Sufficiency

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