RESOLUTION NO. 2019-22

A RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE CITY OF GREENACRES, FLORIDA, ESTABLISHING THE GOAL OF ZERO TRAFFIC FATALITIES ON THE CITY OF GREENACRES ROADWAYS; ADOPTION OF VISION ZERO AS A POLICY FOR ROAD AND TRAFFIC SAFETY FOR THE CITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, traffic crashes are among the leading cause of deaths and injuries in the world, the United States, and the City of Greenacres; and

WHEREAS, according to the Florida Department of Health, pedestrians and bicyclists are the most vulnerable road users and account for over half of the state's traffic deaths; and

WHEREAS, according to the Governors Highway Safety Association, the national average of pedestrians killed has increased by nearly 22% since 2014; and

WHEREAS, Vision Zero is a traffic safety policy and system which provides a framework for reducing traffic deaths and serious injuries through a combination of engineering, education, and enforcement measures; 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, Vision Zero and its policies have been proven in other cities to reduce injuries and deaths from preventable traffic accidents; and

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

WHEREAS, it is anticipated that implementation of the Vision Zero methodologies will make the City of Greenacres streets safer, which will encourage people to take trips by walking, bicycling and multiple modes such as walking to public transportation; and

WHEREAS, 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, implementation of the Vision Zero methodologies will also encourage communication and education to help generate collective action around the need for safer streets, along with public participation in transportation decision-making; and

WHEREAS, a fundamental premise of Vision Zero is social equity; utilizing strategies such as prioritizing safety improvements in areas that have historically been underserved, and building robust engagement strategies to reach those who are most vulnerable on the roadways and who have not typically been included in traditional city planning processes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GREENACRES, FLORIDA, THAT:

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<u>Section 1.</u> The City Council hereby establishes the elimination of traffic fatality and the reduction of serious injuries due to traffic accidents as a goal of the City of Greenacres.

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

RESOLVED AND ADOPTED this 15th day of July, 2019.

For

Joel Flores

Attest:

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