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**RESOLUTION 36, 2024**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PALM BEACH GARDENS, FLORIDA, DESIGNATING THE CITY OF PALM BEACH GARDENS AS A “VISION ZERO CITY”; ESTABLISHING THE GOAL OF ZERO SEVERE TRAFFIC INJURIES OR FATALITIES ON CITY ROADWAYS; ADOPTING VISION ZERO AS THE POLICY FOR ROAD AND TRAFFIC SAFETY FOR THE CITY OF PALM BEACH GARDENS; PROVIDING A CONFLICTS CAUSE; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

**WHEREAS**, the State of Florida is the most dangerous state for pedestrians, 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 for pedestrian safety; and

**WHEREAS**, 176 people in Palm Beach County and 3,189 people statewide die annually on roadways; 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 the City of Palm Beach Gardens; and

**WHEREAS**, walking and biking are healthy, environmentally friendly transportation options; however, pedestrians and cyclists are at an inherent disadvantage when involved in traffic crashes; and

**WHEREAS**, Vision Zero is a traffic safety policy and system that 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**, a roadway system with frequent crashes causes travel delay and drains the City’s fiscal resources, creating a threat to the success of the City’s residential population and employment base, quality of life, and reputation as a desirable destination for future generations; and

1           **WHEREAS**, Vision Zero takes a “Safe System” approach to road safety: a holistic  
2 view that requires people to think about the road system in its entirety, with design  
3 guidelines, infrastructure projects, public participation, policy, and vehicle regulations all  
4 influencing injuries and deaths; and

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6           **WHEREAS**, Vision Zero and its policies have been proven in other cities to reduce  
7 injuries and deaths from preventable traffic accidents; and

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9           **WHEREAS**, the City desires to use the proven methodologies of Vision Zero to  
10 keep our residents and visitors safe; and

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12           **WHEREAS**, it is anticipated that implementation of the Vision Zero methodologies  
13 will make the City of Palm Beach Gardens streets safer, which will encourage people to  
14 take trips by walking, bicycling, and using multiple modes, such as walking to public  
15 transportation, therefore advancing the City’s Mobility policies; and

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17           **WHEREAS**, a fundamental premise of Vision Zero is social equity, including the  
18 prioritization of safety improvements in areas that have been historically underserved and  
19 the building of robust engagement strategies to reach those who are most vulnerable on  
20 the roadways and who have not typically been included in traditional City planning  
21 processes; and

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23           **WHEREAS**, the City is the recipient of a 2023 Safe Streets for All (SS4A) Planning  
24 Grant to develop a comprehensive safety action plan, also known as a Vision Zero Action  
25 Plan; and

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27           **WHEREAS**, the City Council deems approval of this Resolution to be in the best  
28 interests of the health, safety, and welfare of the residents and citizens of the City of Palm  
29 Beach Gardens and the public at large.

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32           **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY**  
33 **OF PALM BEACH GARDENS, FLORIDA, that:**

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35           **SECTION 1.** The foregoing recitals are hereby affirmed and ratified.

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37           **SECTION 2.** The City Council hereby establishes the elimination of traffic  
38 fatalities and the reduction of serious injuries due to traffic accidents as a goal of the City  
39 of Palm Beach Gardens.

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41           **SECTION 3.** The City Council hereby adopts Vision Zero as the policy for road and  
42 traffic safety in the City of Palm Beach Gardens and directs near- and long-term traffic  
43 planning to be based on Vision Zero principles.




PASSED AND ADOPTED this 6<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2024.

CITY OF PALM BEACH GARDENS, FLORIDA

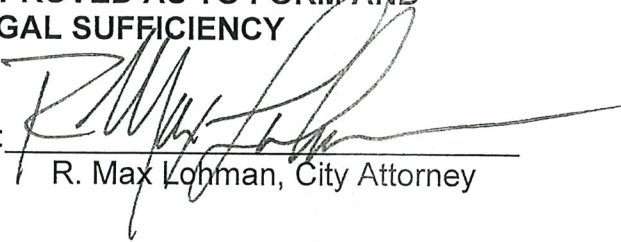
BY:   
Chelsea Reed, Mayor

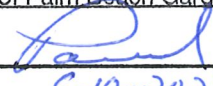
ATTEST:

BY:   
Patricia Snider, CMC, City Clerk

I, Patricia Snider City Clerk  
of the City of Palm Beach Gardens  
do hereby certify that this is a true copy  
as taken from the Official records of the  
City of Palm Beach Gardens.

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND  
LEGAL SUFFICIENCY

BY:   
R. Max Lohman, City Attorney

City Clerk:   
Date: 6-10-2024

VOTE:

AYE NAY ABSENT

MAYOR REED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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