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RESOLUTION NO. R20-013

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF BOYNTON BEACH, FLORIDA, ESTABLISHING THE GOAL OF ZERO TRAFFIC FATALITIES ON THE CITY OF BOYNTON BEACH 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 Boynton Beach; 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, by making streets safer for bicyclists and pedestrians, Vision Zero will help reduce car trips and meet the greenhouse gas reduction goals of the City’s Climate Action Plan; 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,

30 infrastructure projects, public participation, policy, and vehicle regulations all influence injuries
31 and deaths; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

51 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF**
52 **THE CITY OF BOYNTON BEACH, FLORIDA, THAT:**

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Section 1. The foregoing “Whereas” clauses are hereby ratified and confirmed as being true and correct and are hereby made a specific part of this Resolution upon adoption.

Section 2. 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 Boynton Beach.

Section 3. The City Commission hereby adopts Vision Zero as the policy for road and traffic safety in the City of Boynton Beach and directs near and long- term traffic planning to be based on Vision Zero principles.

Section 4. That this Resolution shall become effective immediately.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 4th day of February, 2020.

CITY OF BOYNTON BEACH, FLORIDA

YES NO

Mayor – Steven B. Grant ✓ _____

Vice Mayor – Justin Katz ✓ _____

Commissioner – Mack McCray ✓ _____

Commissioner – Christina L. Romelus Absent _____

Commissioner – Ty Penserga ✓ _____

VOTE 4-0

ATTEST:

Crystal Gibson
Crystal Gibson, MMC
City Clerk

(Corporate Seal)

