

TOWN OF KNIGHTDALE

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RESOLUTION #22-11-16-006 RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF NC VISION ZERO

WHEREAS, deaths and serious injuries on our roadways are unacceptable as crashes are preventable; and

WHEREAS, traffic-related deaths and serious injuries in the United States have disproportionately impacted people of color, low-income households, older adults and youth, people with disabilities, and households with limited motor vehicle access; and

WHEREAS, streets and transportation systems have traditionally been designed primarily for maximum motor vehicle capacity and mobility, rather than the safe accommodation of all modes and users; and

WHEREAS, measures to make Knightdale's transportation network safer should encourage Knightdale residents and visitors to take more trips by walking, bicycling, transit and by using multiple modes such as walking to transit; and

WHEREAS, residents embracing multiple transportation modes will contribute to the Town of Knightdale's ability to foster thriving, healthy, livable neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, Vision Zero provides a framework for reducing traffic deaths to zero and increasing roadway safety through a combination of education, engineering, encouragement, evaluation, and enforcement; and

WHEREAS, Vision Zero is an ethical imperative by which the responsibility for eliminating traffic deaths and increasing roadway safety is shared by transportation system designers and system users; and

WHEREAS, while transportation system users are responsible for following the rules for using the road, transportation system designers are responsible for the design, operation and use of the transportation system and are thereby responsible for the level of safety within that system; and

WHEREAS, successful Vision Zero programs are a result of a complete government approach and community support of Vision Zero objectives in recognition of the shared responsibility of designers and users; and

WHEREAS, building safe and secure communities is a key priority of the Town of Knightdale's Strategic Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Knightdale seeks to improve transit, pedestrian, bicyclist, and

roadway safety in its area; and

WHEREAS, the Town operates a Traffic Calming Program available for citizen requests and has implemented traffic calming requirements in the Unified Development Ordinance for proposed subdivisions, requiring evaluation through the planning and design process; and

WHEREAS, the Town supports and participates in Watch for Me NC, a bicycle and pedestrian safety program; and

WHEREAS, the Town is an active partner with the Governor's Highway Safety Program (GHSP), a state program that provides support and resources to law enforcement agencies to reduce traffic crashes and promote highway safety awareness through a variety of grants, traffic safety/ awareness, messages and safe driving initiatives; and

WHEREAS, The Town has established a partnership with Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD), and participates in the VIP for a VIP Program Vehicle Injury Prevention for a Very Important Person) educating teen drivers about the dangers of driving impaired and/or distracted driving; and

WHEREAS, the Town works with the Safe Routes to School Improvement Program to identify needs in the walk and bike to school transportation network for our school sites; and

WHEREAS, in 2022, the Town is adopting its first Comprehensive Transportation Plan, Shift Knightdale, which incorporates the framework of NC Vision Zero; and

WHEREAS, the Town is an active partner with GoRaleigh to make transit a viable mode of transportation in Knightdale; and

WHEREAS, NC Vision Zero provides an additional framework for reducing traffic deaths and serious injuries to zero, while increasing safe, healthy, and equitable mobility for all.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Council of the Town of Knightdale, North Carolina that:

- 1. The Knightdale Town Council adopts NC Vision Zero as a comprehensive and holistic approach to achieving the goal of zero fatalities on Knightdale roadways.
- 2. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

This the 16th day of November 2022.			
		BY:	
			Jessica Day, Mayor
ATTEST:			
	Brittney Hunt, Deputy Town Clerk		