

Winston-Salem City Council
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**RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE CITY OF WINSTON-SALEM AS A VISION ZERO
COMMUNITY AND FORMALIZING A VISION ZERO COALITION TO SUPPORT THE
DEVELOPMENT OF A COMPREHENSIVE SAFETY ACTION PLAN**

WHEREAS, in 2015, the North Carolina Executive Committee for Highway Safety, under the direction of the North Carolina Department of Transportation and Governor McCrory, passed a resolution declaring North Carolina a Vision Zero state, establishing a long-term vision of zero fatalities on North Carolina roadways through sustained efforts in engineering, enforcement, education, emergency response, and public policy; and

WHEREAS, approximately 1,732 people were killed on North Carolina's roads in 2024, including 30 people in Winston-Salem; and

WHEREAS, on April 1, 2024, the Winston-Salem City Council approved a resolution authorizing the City of Winston-Salem Department of Transportation's application for the Fiscal Year 2024 Safe Streets and Roads for All grant program; and

WHEREAS, on September 12, 2024, the U.S. Department of Transportation announced that the City of Winston-Salem was awarded \$280,000 in funding through the Safe Streets and Roads for All grant program to create a citywide Comprehensive Safety Action Plan; and

WHEREAS, Vision Zero is a road safety strategy to substantially reduce fatalities and serious injuries with an ultimate long-term goal of zero deaths and serious injuries in the transportation system; and

WHEREAS, Vision Zero is a peer practice among an increasing number of North Carolina communities, including Clemmons, Greensboro, Durham, Wilmington, Raleigh, and Charlotte; and

WHEREAS, the City of Winston-Salem will develop a Comprehensive Safety Action Plan that outlines how and when zero deaths and serious injuries can be attained; and

WHEREAS, the City of Winston-Salem is committed to increasing safety and modal choice, reducing roadway serious injuries and fatalities by half by 2035, and eliminating roadway serious injuries and fatalities by 2050 or an earlier date to be determined by the Vision Zero Coalition.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and City Council establishes Winston-Salem as a Vision Zero Community and supports the goal of reducing roadway fatalities and serious injuries within Winston-Salem to zero by 2050 or sooner, endorses Vision Zero as an integral component.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that whenever possible Vision Zero will serve as the guiding principle for transportation planning, transportation system design, and project development and implementation in Winston-Salem.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and City Council formally directs the City of Winston-Salem Department of Transportation staff to establish a well-rounded Vision Zero Coalition that addresses the three Es of transportation safety: engineering,

education, enforcement to help develop and implement a Safe Streets and Roads for All Comprehensive Safety Action Plan that reinforces the goal of eliminating roadway serious injuries and fatalities in Winston-Salem.