

RESOLUTION 24 - 2

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE VISION ZERO STRATEGY TO ELIMINATE FATALITIES AND SERIOUS INJURIES FROM VEHICLE CRASHES ON OTTAWA COUNTY ROADS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, in Ottawa County, Ohio, there were 59 crashes which resulted in fatalities and 426 crashes that resulted in serious injuries between 2013 and 2023; and

WHEREAS, this Council, the Board of Ottawa County Commissioners and the Ottawa County Engineer believe that one death on our roadways is too many and are dedicated to implementing strategies that aim to eliminate deaths and serious injuries on roadways in Ottawa County; and

WHEREAS, this Council, the Board of Ottawa County Commissioners and the Ottawa County Engineer also recognize that senior citizens, children, people of color, people with disabilities, people in low-income communities, and vulnerable road users such as pedestrians and bicycles face a disproportionate risk of traffic injuries and fatalities, and

WHEREAS, Vision Zero is a public health-based traffic safety strategy to reduce and eventually eliminate traffic deaths and serious injuries using a data-driven, multi-disciplinary and safe systems approach that also increases safe health equitable mobility for all; and

WHEREAS, Vision Zero strategy is a toll to unite stakeholders such as the Ottawa County Engineer, police, public health, transit, municipalities, neighboring counties, Ohio Department of Transportation, and others to make our roadways safer for all of our citizens, and

WHEREAS, Ottawa County, in collaboration with Lucas, Sandusky & Wood Counties were awarded a Safe Streets and Roads for All grant from the U.S. Department of Transportation to develop a Northwest Ohio Transportation Safety Action Plan; and

WHEREAS, the plan was developed with a broad coalition of stakeholders to identify policies, measures, and projects to improve the safety of roadways in the respective counties; and

WHEREAS, in consideration of these facts and as authorized through Ohio Revised Code Section 5555.02 for Public Roads, this Council supports the Vision Zero Strategy to reduce and eventually eliminate traffic deaths and serious injuries using a data-driven, multi-disciplinary and safe systems approach that also increases safe health equitable mobility for all.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Port Clinton, County of Ottawa and State of Ohio:

Section 1. This Council hereby adopts Vision Zero as a holistic and comprehensive approach to achieve a goal of zero deaths and serious injuries on Ottawa County highways and shall be the guiding principle for transportation, planning, design of streets and sidewalks, the maintenance of public rights-of-way, public education and communication, and traffic enforcement.

Section 2. This Council hereby adopts a goal of eliminating traffic deaths and serious injuries on Ottawa County highways by 2045.

Section 3. This Council finds and determines that all formal actions of this Council and any of its committees concerning and relating to the passage of this Resolution were taken in an open meeting of this Council or committees, and that all deliberations of this Council, and any of its committees, that resulted in those actions were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with the law.

Section 4. This Resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health, welfare and safety, and for the further reason of the imminent deadline for this Resolution to be passed; wherefore, this Resolution shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its passage and approval by the Mayor.

Passed: _____, 2024

President of Council

Attest: _____
Clerk of Council

Approve _____, 2024

Mayor