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Sponsor: Dave Woerpel, 5th District Councilman

RESOLUTION NO. R05

**A RESOLUTION OF THE HAMMOND
COMMON COUNCIL ADOPTING A VISION ZERO POLICY**

WHEREAS, the life and health of all persons living and traveling within the City of Hammond are our utmost priority, and no one should die or be seriously injured while traveling on our city streets;

WHEREAS, Vision Zero is the concept that traffic deaths and serious injuries on our roadways are unacceptable;

WHEREAS, Vision Zero is a holistic strategy aimed at eliminating all traffic fatalities and severe injuries suffered by all road users while increasing safe, healthy, equitable mobility for all;

WHEREAS, streets and transportation systems have traditionally been designed primarily to move motorists efficiently, and Vision Zero supports a paradigm shift by designing streets and transportation systems to move all people safely, including people of all ages and abilities, pedestrians, bicyclists, public transit users, and motorcyclists, as well as drivers and passengers of motor vehicles;

WHEREAS, Vision Zero recognizes that people will sometimes make mistakes, so the road system and related policies should be designed to ensure that those inevitable mistakes do not result in severe injuries or fatalities; therefore, transportation planners and engineers and policymakers are expected to improve the roadway environment, policies, and other related systems to lessen the severity of crashes;

WHEREAS, making streets safer for all people using all modes of transportation will encourage people to travel on foot, by bicycle, and by public transit, which supports a healthier, more active lifestyle and reduces environmental pollution;

WHEREAS, successful Vision Zero programs are a result of both a complete government approach (i.e., interdepartmental, coordinated initiatives) and community support of Vision Zero objectives and action plans;

WHEREAS, Vision Zero resolutions have been adopted by many jurisdictions across the United States; and

WHEREAS, the 2024 Vision Zero resolution is a required component of the Safe Streets and Roads for All Action Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Vision Zero resolution sets forth a goal of reducing serious and fatal crashes by 40% by the year 2035; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Hammond Common Council, State of Indiana, as follows:

1. That the 2024 Vision Zero Resolution is hereby approved.
2. That any prior action taken by the Mayor or any staff necessary in connection with the items approved herein is hereby ratified and adopted as actions on behalf of the City.
3. The City of Hammond adopts the Vision Zero policy makes it part of this Resolution, effective immediately.
4. The Hammond Clerk shall certify the adoption of this Resolution, effective immediately, by the Hammond Common Council.

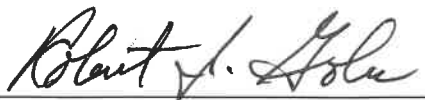
ADOPTED AND APPROVED BY the Common Council of the City of Hammond, Indiana, this 11th day of March, 2024.

**CITY OF HAMMOND, INDIANA
COMMON COUNCIL**



Scott Rakos, President

ATTEST:



Robert J. Golec, City Clerk
City of Hammond, Indiana.

PRESENTED BY ME, the undersigned City Clerk of the City of Hammond to the Mayor of said City for his approval on the 12th day of March, 2024.



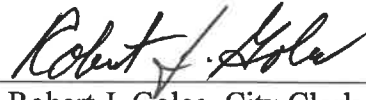
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The foregoing Resolution No. R05 consisting of three (3) typewritten pages, including this page was Approved by the Mayor on the 12th day of March, 2024.



Thomas M. McDermott, Jr., Mayor
City of Hammond, Indiana

PASSED by the City of Hammond Common Council on the 11th day of March, 2024 and Approved by the Mayor on the 12th day of March, 2024.



Robert J. Golec, City Clerk