## RESOLUTION 2024- 15

## RESOLUTION OF THE WHITLEY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS SUPPORTING A VISION ZERO INITIATIVE IN WHITLEY COUNTY

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners ("Commissioners"), entered into an agreement with the Federal Highway Administration ("FHWA") to develop a county wide safety action plan on August 3, 2023; and

WHEREAS, Vision Zero ("Vision Zero") is a global road safety goal supported by the National Association of City Transportation Officials, the United States Department of Transportation, and the FHWA; and

WHEREAS, Vision Zero advances the simple yet ambitious idea that there is no acceptable number of traffic deaths and serious injuries on our roadways; and

WHEREAS, the strategy underlying the Vision Zero is a holistic safety approach that shifts responsibility from the people using roads to the people designing them, integrating core management and action areas to create a safe mobility system forgiving of human error; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioners recognize that traffic deaths and serious injuries are not inevitable and are committed to reducing crashes and eliminating traffic deaths and serious injuries on Whitley County roadways; and

WHEREAS, Vision Zero provides the framework for reducing traffic deaths and serious injuries to zero, while increasing safe, healthy and equitable mobility for all; and

WHEREAS, an implementation group has been established to oversee the development of a countywide safety action plan to develop courses of action to reduce traffic deaths and serious injuries.

## NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that:

1. The Commissioners are committed to a county wide Vision Zero goal to reduce motorist, bicyclist, pedestrian, transit user, horse and buggy and other transportation-related deaths and serious injuries to zero over the next 40 years.

- 2. The Whitley County Vision Zero goal will be updated after the adoption of the safety action plan and as safety action projects are completed and their effectiveness assessed.
- 3. The resolution shall be effective immediately.

Adopted this <u>3</u> day of September, 2024.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF WHITLEY COUNTY, INDIANA

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ATTEST: