

1 CITY OF WESTLAKE

2 RESOLUTION NO. 2023-03

3 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WESTLAKE TO
4 DESIGNATE AS A "VISION ZERO CITY", ESTABLISHING A GOAL OF NO
5 SEVERE TRAFFIC INJURIES WITHIN THE CITY OF WESTLAKE'S BOUNDARIES;
6 PROVIDING FOR THE ADOPTION OF VISION ZERO AS CITY POLICY for all
7 ROADWAYS TO PROMOTE TRAFFIC AND PEDESTRIAN SAFETY WITHIN
8 THE CITY OF WESTLAKE'S BOUNDARIES; AND PROVIDING FOR AN
9 EFFECTIVE DATE.

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11 WHEREAS, the State of Florida is the most dangerous state for people walking,
12 consistent ranking number 1 on the Pedestrian Danger Index by Smart Growth America, with
13 the Miami-Fort Lauderdale-West Palm Beach urbanized area consistently ranking as one of
14 the worst metropolitan areas in the country; and

15 WHEREAS, 176 people in Palm Beach County and 3,189 people statewide die
16 annually on roadways;

17 WHEREAS, Vision Zero starts with the ethical belief that everyone has the right to
18 move safely in their communities, and that system designers and policy makers share the
19 responsibility to ensure safe systems for travel; and

20 WHEREAS, death and serious injuries are not acceptable for citizens, commuters,
21 guests, or others who live, work, or play in the City of Westlake (City); and

22 WHEREAS, key elements of the Vision Zero system include: reframing traffic fatalities
23 as preventable; focusing on system failure; reducing the impact of collisions; adopting a safe
24 system approach for vehicles, bicycles and pedestrians; data-driven decision making; and
25 viewing road safety as a social equity issue; and

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27 WHEREAS, a roadway system with frequent crashes causes both travel delay and
28 drains fiscal resources of the city, creating a threat to the success of the residential
29 population and employment base, quality of life, and the reputation of the City to be a
30 desirable destination for future generations; and

31 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Westlake City Council that:

32 Section 1. The City Commission hereby establishes the elimination of traffic fatality
33 and the reduction of serious injuries due to traffic accidents as a goal of the City of Westlake.

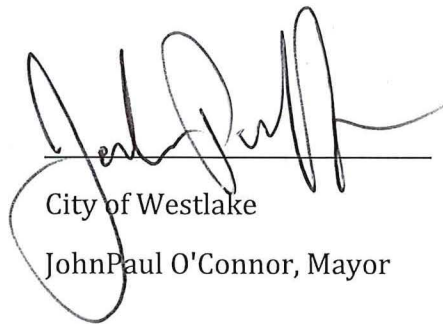
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35 Section 2. The City Commission hereby adopts Vision Zero as the policy for road
36 and traffic safety in the City of Westlake and directs near and long- term traffic planning to
37 be based on Vision Zero principles.
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Section 3: The City Council directs the City Manager to continue pursuing a Vision Zero Action Plans for achieving the goals of the elimination of traffic fatality and the reduction of serious injuries due to traffic crashes through adopting a safe system approach for vehicles, bicycles and pedestrians, equitable engineering, enforcement, education, data-driven decision making, and social equity considerations in road safety planning and implementation.

Section 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

PASSED AND APPROVED by City Council for the City of Westlake, on this 3rd day of January 2023.



City of Westlake
JohnPaul O'Connor, Mayor



Zoie Burgess, City Clerk