

**RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_**

**ENTITLED: "A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE ADOPTION OF A VISION ZERO POLICY TO ELIMINATE FATALITIES AND SERIOUS INJURIES THAT ARE A RESULT OF CRASHES ON CITY STREETS WITHIN THE CITY OF CHEYENNE BY 2040."**

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

WHEREAS, the Cheyenne Metropolitan Planning Organization ("MPO") created a complete streets policy in 2006 as part of Plan Cheyenne, intending to improve safety and infrastructure for all road users;

WHEREAS, the city of Cheyenne's transportation infrastructure serves an increasing number of vulnerable road users such as pedestrians and bicyclists;

WHEREAS, twenty-five (25) people in the Cheyenne urban area lost their lives to traffic deaths from 2019 through 2022, and traffic crashes are among the leading cause of deaths in the United States;

WHEREAS, according to the Cheyenne MPO, in the period from 2019 through 2022, seventy-five (75) crashes involved pedestrians and forty (40) crashes involved bicyclists, resulting in eight (8) fatal crashes involving pedestrians and one (1) fatal crash involving a bicycle;

WHEREAS, the number of people dying and suffering serious injuries on streets within the city of Cheyenne is a serious public health problem which necessitates public action;

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

WHEREAS, Vision Zero sets the goal of eliminating traffic deaths and serious injuries in a set time frame with clear, measurable strategies;

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, Vision Zero aligns with the MPO's Complete Streets policy and complements the Wyoming Department of Transportation's Safe Systems Approach to eliminate serious injuries and deaths;

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; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF CHEYENNE, WYOMING, that the City set a Vision Zero policy goal of eliminating traffic-related fatalities and serious injuries in the city of Cheyenne by 2040.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the city Engineer, city Planning and Development Department and the Metropolitan Planning Organization consider this goal in all future transportation planning and traffic safety decision.

PRESENTED, READ AND ADOPTED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2024.

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Patrick Collins, Mayor

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ATTEST:

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Kristina F. Jones, City Clerk