

OFFERED BY COUNCILOR ENRIQUE J. PEPÉN AND LIZ BREADON



CITY OF BOSTON

IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND TWENTY SIX

RESOLUTION RECOMMITTING THE CITY OF BOSTON TO VISION ZERO 2030

WHEREAS, Beginning in Sweden in the 1990s, Vision Zero is a campaign that promotes safe and healthy mobility with the goal of eliminating fatal and severe traffic crashes in cities that commit to a Vision Zero goal; *and*

WHEREAS, In 2015, under Mayor Marty Walsh, Boston joined the Vision Zero campaign with a goal of reaching Vision Zero by 2030, inspired by the belief that even one fatality is too many; *and*

WHEREAS, In the spirit of Vision Zero, the City of Boston has undertaken many efforts to produce results such as reducing the city's default speed limit and starting the Neighborhood Slow Streets program; *and*

WHEREAS, In the eleven years since committing to Vision Zero, the City of Boston has occasionally updated the City's Vision Zero Action Plan based on progress completed and results measured, including an updated plan in 2023; *and*

WHEREAS, Traffic fatalities and severe crashes continue to loom in Boston with data from MassDOT and Boston's Vision Zero Dashboard revealing that 2025 brought eleven crash fatalities, most of which involved a pedestrian, and hundreds of incidents requiring medical attention; *and*

WHEREAS, With less than four years remaining to reach the goal of Vision Zero by 2030, the City of Boston must accelerate its plans to achieve the goal of Vision Zero including rolling out robust infrastructure projects to protect pedestrians, cyclists, transit riders, students, children, the elderly, families, and people with disabilities from the severe and often fatal injuries sustained from automobiles; **NOW,
THEREFORE BE IT**

RESOLVED: That the Boston City Council commits itself to upholding Vision Zero and urges in the strongest terms that the administration strengthen its approach to Vision Zero with ambitious and meaningful infrastructure projects.

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