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WHEREAS, Dallas has experienced 558 traffic fatalities and 3,750 severe injuries from 2013 to 2017; and

WHEREAS, half of traffic-related fatalities and severe injuries occur on only six percent of Dallas streets; and

WHEREAS, Public Safety is one of the City's six strategic priorities; and

WHEREAS, traffic safety is a public safety issue; and

WHEREAS, on January 27, 2019 City Council adopted the Complete Streets Design Manual by Resolution No. 160173, which emphasizes context-sensitive design and safety for all road users; and

WHEREAS, Dallas has been named a Federal Highway Administration Pedestrian Safety Focus City due to its high pedestrian fatality rate; and

WHEREAS, major cities across the United States and three Texas cities, Austin, San Antonio and Laredo have adopted Vision Zero policies and are implementing Vision Zero Action Plans; and

WHEREAS, the Texas Department of Transportation developed the 2017-2022 Texas Strategic Highway Safety Plan that proposes countermeasures to address key areas for fatal and severe injury crashes in Texas; and

WHEREAS, the City of Dallas does not have a city-wide action plan to address traffic safety for all road users.

Now, Therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DALLAS:

SECTION 1. That the City Council adopts a resolution that commits the City to a goal of zero traffic fatalities and a 50 percent reduction in severe injuries by 2030.

SECTION 2. That the City Council hereby directs the City Manager to develop a Vision Zero Action Plan by December 2021.

SECTION 3. That the City Council hereby directs the City Manager to develop a Vision Zero Task Force that will collaborate with City Departments on the development of a Vision Zero Action Plan.

SECTION 4. That the City Council directs key City departments to participate in Vision Zero Action Plan development, implementation, and evaluation.

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SECTION 5. That this resolution shall take effect immediately from and after its passage in accordance with the provisions of the Charter of the City of Dallas, and it is accordingly so resolved.

