

RESOLUTION NO. 38 19**A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE GOALS, STRATEGIES, AND POLICIES OF VISION ZERO TO PREVENT TRAFFIC-RELATED FATALITIES AND INJURIES.**

WHEREAS, according to the State of Hawai‘i Department of Transportation, 32 people were killed in traffic-related incidents in Hawai‘i County in 2018, and seven of last year’s deaths were pedestrians or cyclists, compared to five pedestrian/cyclist deaths in 2017, representing a 40 percent increase in pedestrian/cyclists deaths; and

WHEREAS, the root causes of traffic collisions are often related to policies, systems and environments that can be improved upon with collective action and political will; and

WHEREAS, roadway infrastructure policy has a substantial impact on traffic, bicycle, and pedestrian safety; and

WHEREAS, no one should die or be seriously injured while traveling on roadways; and

WHEREAS, Vision Zero is a comprehensive strategy to eliminate all traffic deaths and severe injuries while promoting safe, healthy, and equitable mobility for all; and

WHEREAS, the fundamental message of Vision Zero is that all traffic deaths are preventable and unacceptable; and

WHEREAS, following the initial implementation of Vision Zero in Sweden in the 1990s, the death rate for motorists in Sweden has been cut in half since 2000, and pedestrian fatalities have also declined 50 percent since 2009; and

WHEREAS, major American cities including Los Angeles, New York City, Seattle, San Francisco, Portland, Philadelphia, Boston, Chicago, Denver, Fort Lauderdale, and Washington, D.C., have adopted Vision Zero policies that focus on safety as a primary objective in designing transportation projects; and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 171-11, Draft 2, adopted on October 19, 2011, established a “Complete Streets” policy, in support of safe mobility for all roadway users in Hawai‘i County; and

WHEREAS, Vision Zero in Hawai‘i County will be implemented through a proclamation from the Mayor, the adoption of its policies by the Council, and the establishment of a diverse task force comprising representatives from County departments and agencies, the State of Hawai‘i, and private nonprofit organizations; and

