
HOUSE RESOLUTION

DESIGNATING KAILUA, OAHU, AS A VISION ZERO COMMUNITY WHERE NO LOSS OF LIFE OR SERIOUS INJURY ON ROADS IS ACCEPTABLE AND URGING GOVERNMENT TO ADOPT AND IMPLEMENT VISION ZERO POLICIES AND PLANNING.

1 WHEREAS, the top priority of the State is the life, health,
2 and safety of Hawaii's residents; and

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4 WHEREAS, in 2018, there were 117 traffic fatalities in
5 Hawaii, which is higher than the 107 traffic fatalities that
6 occurred in 2017; and

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8 WHEREAS, also in 2018, Hawaii ranked first in the nation in
9 the increase in pedestrian fatalities, with 43 pedestrian
10 fatalities occurring; and

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12 WHEREAS, traffic-related fatalities in the State continue
13 to be a serious issue in 2019; and

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15 WHEREAS, from January 1, 2019 through February 21, 2019, 22
16 traffic fatalities have occurred in the State, 9 of which were
17 pedestrian fatalities; and

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19 WHEREAS, overcrowded roads; larger vehicles; driver
20 behavior, including speeding; distracted driving; and drunk
21 driving are significant factors contributing to traffic and
22 pedestrian related deaths and serious injuries; and

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24 WHEREAS, Vision Zero is a movement that seeks to eliminate
25 all traffic-related deaths and serious injuries on our roadways,
26 while increasing safety, health, and mobility for all; and



1 WHEREAS, the core principle behind Vision Zero is that life
2 and health can never be exchanged for other benefits within the
3 society, and that planning and policy decisions should reflect
4 as much; and
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6 WHEREAS, first adopted in Sweden in 1997, communities that
7 adopt a Vision Zero plan have experienced dramatic decreases in
8 traffic fatalities; and
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10 WHEREAS, in 2000, Washington became the first state in the
11 United States to adopt a Vision Zero plan, and in return
12 experienced an average of 22 fewer traffic fatalities and 80
13 fewer serious injuries each year between 2002 and 2011; and
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15 WHEREAS, Kailua, Oahu, is a community that has seen
16 persistent transportation injuries and fatalities over the
17 years; and
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19 WHEREAS, the people of Kailua, Oahu, prioritize health and
20 safety of families in the community above all else; and
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22 WHEREAS, Kailua, Oahu, is committed to creating safer
23 transportation infrastructure for pedestrians, bikers, and
24 drivers in Kailua, to reduce injuries and fatalities and achieve
25 the goal of a Vision Zero community; now, therefore,
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27 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
28 Thirtieth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of
29 2019, that this body hereby designates Kailua, Oahu, as a Vision
30 Zero community; and
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32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of
33 Transportation and Department of Transportation Services of the
34 City and County of Honolulu are urged to design and implement
35 changes to policies and infrastructure in Kailua, Oahu,
36 accordingly; and
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38 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
39 Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, Director of
40 Transportation, Mayor of the City and County of Honolulu,
41 Director of the Department of Transportation Services of the


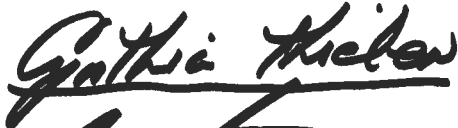



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1 City and County of Honolulu, and Chairperson of the Kailua
2 Neighborhood Board.

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