

Resolution 2012-07

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF WINDERMERE IN SUPPORT OF “BEST FOOT FORWARD FOR PEDESTRIAN SAFETY,” A COMMUNITYWIDE INITIATIVE TO REDUCE PEDESTRIAN INJURIES AND FATALITIES IN CENTRAL FLORIDA THROUGH EDUCATION, ENGINEERING, AND ENFORCEMENT.

WHEREAS the mobility and accessibility afforded the individual is basic to the success of the Town of Windermere land use and transportation system, where streets are designed and operated to assure safety, comfort (i.e. perceived safety), and accessibility for all users; and

WHEREAS studies have consistently ranked Central Florida as the nation’s “most dangerous” region for pedestrians over the past decade and, on average, two pedestrians are injured every day and one pedestrian is killed each week in the region; and

WHEREAS, Florida Statute Title XXIII, Chapter 316.130 states that vehicle drivers must yield right-of-way to a pedestrian crossing within a crosswalk; and a pedestrian crossing a roadway at any point other than a crosswalk must yield the right-of-way to a vehicle; and

WHEREAS, the loss of even one life is tragic and the persistence of such adverse conditions is dangerous to both residents and visitors; and

WHEREAS, a systematic regimen of public education, low-cost engineering and high-visibility enforcement has been demonstrated to reduce pedestrian injuries and fatalities in other markets; and

WHEREAS, such programs have been shown to produce sustainable reductions in reducing deaths and injuries related to DUI and failure to wear a seatbelt;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, The Town of Windermere supports the principles and practices of Best Foot Forward for Pedestrian Safety, and joins with other cities, towns, counties, law enforcement, and regional planning authorities in a regional effort to reverse this deadly trend.

RESOLVED, that it is to our community’s benefit to reduce pedestrian injuries and fatalities.

RESOLVED, that The Town of Windermere will participate in this effort by enhancing crosswalk signage, participating in high-visibility pedestrian enforcement actions, and educating both drivers and pedestrians through established means of constituent communications.

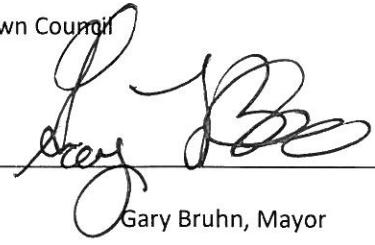
RESOLVED, that these actions will enhance the health and well-being of the people of The Town of Windermere and visitors, and contribute to our goal of creating a more walkable, livable, and courteous community.

ADOPTED by the Town Council of the Town of Windermere on the 8th day of May, 2012

TOWN OF WINDERMERE, FLORIDA

By: Town Council

BY: _____


Gary Bruhn, Mayor

ATTEST:



Dorothy Burkhalter
Town Clerk
Town of Windermere

