RESOLUTION NO. 2109-12

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WINTER PARK IN SUPPORT OF A COMMUNITY-WIDE 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 Winter Park 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 shown that over the past decade, on average, two pedestrians are injured every day and one pedestrian is killed each week in the Greater Central Florida 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 presents a danger to pedestrians and bicyclists; 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;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that the City of Winter Park joins with other cities, towns, counties, law enforcement, and regional planning authorities in a regional effort to reverse this deadly trend.

RESOLVED, that the Greater Central Florida region benefits by a reduction in pedestrian injuries and fatalities.

RESOLVED, that the City of Winter Park will participate in this effort by educating both drivers and pedestrians through established means of constituent communications and the production and dissemination of Winter Park specific public awareness in conjunction with supporting the efforts of groups such as Bike/Walk Central Florida and the participation in pedestrian specific enforcement actions, and

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

ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the City Commission of the City of Winter Park on this 14th day of May, 2012.

Kenneth W. Bradley, Mayor

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Cynthia S. Bonham, MMC, City Clerk