

**RESOLUTION NO. 2025-08  
COWLEY COUNTY, KANSAS**

**A RESOLUTION BY THE COWLEY COUNTY COMMISSION, THE GOVERNING BODY OF COWLEY COUNTY, KANSAS, ADOPTING A VISION ZERO POLICY AND PROCLAIMING THE COWLEY COUNTY COMMITMENT TO REDUCE TRAFFIC FATALITIES AND SERIOUS INJURY ACCIDENTS IN COWLEY COUNTY BY 2030 AND IMPLEMENTATION OF A SAFE STREETS AND ROADS FOR ALL PLAN.**

**WHEREAS**, in 2021 the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law established the Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4a) discretionary program which funds regional, local and Tribal initiatives through grants to prevent roadway deaths and serious injuries; and,

**WHEREAS**, in 2023 Cowley County in making an application for SS4A planning grant from the U.S. Department of Transportation to create SS4A compliant action plans; and,

**WHEREAS**, the SS4A program supports the U.S. Department of Transportation's National Roadway, Safety Strategy and the goal of zero roadway deaths using a Safe System Approach; and,

**WHEREAS**, Cowley County Vision Zero policy supports the Kansas Department of Transportation's Drive to Zero program and the goals of the Kansas Strategic Highway Safety Plan; and,

**WHEREAS**, 47 individual(s) was/were needlessly killed, and 1,666 individuals were injured on the Cowley County roadways between 2014 and 2023; and,

**WHEREAS**, The Cowley County recognized the need for action to increase safety and to prevent death and injuries on Cowley County streets; and,

**WHEREAS**, Vision Zero is a proven framework for eliminating traffic deaths and serious injuries through intergovernmental and community partnerships leveraging resources and funds to ensure safe and efficient multimodal transportation; and,

**WHEREAS**, A comprehensive Vision Zero policy unifies existing safety efforts and elevates improvements through engineering and street design, education and engagement efforts, enforcement and technology, evaluation and data analysis, and equity; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Cowley County policies and practices support Vision Zero efforts to lead roadway design that prioritizes safety and plans for a safe network for all modes of transportation; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Cowley County recognizes the need to prioritize hearing from the entire community and supports Vision Zero efforts to address inequities by prioritizing interventions in areas most in need of safety improvements; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Cowley County commits to build and sustain leadership, collaboration and accountability in partnership with public health, law enforcement, policymakers, elected officials, and community members in traffic safety work to advance the strategies of the SS4A plan and the Vision Zero policy; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Cowley County recognizes the need for action to increase safety and to prevent deaths and injuries on Cowley County streets; and,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE COWLEY COUNTY, KANSAS:**

Adopt the Cowley County a Vision Zero policy with the ultimate goal of achieving zero fatalities and serious injuries by the year 2030.

Adopt the Cowley County Safe Streets for All Action Plan, attached hereto as Exhibit A.

**ADOPTED** this 6<sup>th</sup> day of May 2025 and **SIGNED** by the Governing Body.

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF  
COWLEY COUNTY, KANSAS**



Wayne Wilt, Chairman



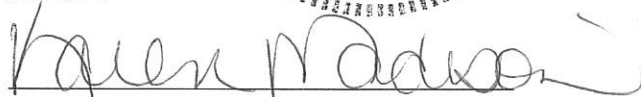
Jim Maxwell, Vice-Chairman



Alan Groom, Commissioner



ATTEST:



Karen Madison, County Clerk