

**RESOLUTION NO. 24 – R - \_\_\_\_\_**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE MARION COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, FLORIDA, CONFIRMING MARION COUNTY’S SUPPORT OF THE BEST FOOT FORWARD FOR PEDESTRIAN SAFETY PROGRAM; AND PROVIDING FOR EFFECTIVE DATE**

**WHEREAS**, Best Foot Forward (BFF) For Pedestrian Safety program, is a communitywide, grassroots initiative to make walking safer by changing drivers' behavior utilizing a "3E" methodology of low-cost Engineering, high-visibility Enforcement and dynamic public Education, measured by increasing driver yield rates at marked crosswalks; and

**WHEREAS**, BFF is a regional coalition of civic leaders, public safety officials, engineers, transportation planners, educators, health care professionals, advocates, local businesses, and concerned citizens whose mission is to reduce pedestrian injuries and deaths; and

**WHEREAS**, the Florida Department of Transportation and Marion County recognizes that Marion County has been designated as one of the top 25 counties for pedestrian fatalities within the State of Florida; and

**WHEREAS**, the BFF program complements Marion County’s Comprehensive Plan, Transportation Element Policy 2.3.5, Complete Streets, Policy 2.3.7, Bicycle and Pedestrian Infrastructure and Policy 2.3.9, Pedestrian Displays as the program supports the goals of creating a safe transportation system for everyone in Marion County.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MARION COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, AS FOLLOWS:**

**SECTION I.** Marion County’s Support for “Best Foot Forward for Pedestrian Safety.” Marion County supports the principles and practices of “Best Foot Forward for Pedestrian Safety,” and joins with other cities, towns, counties, law enforcement, regional planning agencies and Florida Department of

Transportation in a regional effort to reduce pedestrian injuries and fatalities. As such, Marion County intends to participate in this effort by educating drivers and pedestrians through established constituent communications to support high-visibility pedestrian enforcement actions. These actions will enhance the health and well-being of the residents and visitors to Marion County and contribute to Marion County's goal of creating a safer and more livable community.

**SECTION II.** Effective Date. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its passage and adoption.

**DULY ADOPTED** in a regular session this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2024.

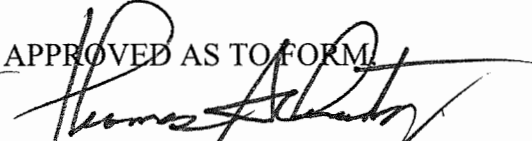
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MARION COUNTY, FLORIDA

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MICHELLE STONE, CHAIR

ATTEST:

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GREGORY C. HARRELL, CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM

For:   
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MATTHEW G. MINTER, COUNTY ATTORNEY