

RESOLUTION 19-1511

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LONGWOOD, FLORIDA, CONFIRMING THE CITY OF LONGWOOD'S PARTICIPATION IN THE BEST FOOT FORWARD FOR PEDESTRIAN SAFETY PROGRAM; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS, SEVERABILITY, AND 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 coalition recognizes that the Orlando-Kissimmee MSA (Metropolitan Statistical Area) has been designated the number one most dangerous metro area for pedestrians in multiple Dangerous by Design reports published by Smart Growth America, which is a result of our region's history of designing roads for speed and convenience, not walking or biking; and

WHEREAS, the BFF program complements the City of Longwood's *Complete Streets Policy*, which envisions road projects designed to comfortably accommodate all users to the fullest extent possible and that the City shall design, build, and maintain a safe, reliable, efficient, integrated, and connected multi-modal transportation network that will provide access, mobility, safety and connectivity to all users.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LONGWOOD, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION I. The above recitals are true and incorporated as legislative findings.

SECTION II. The City Commission of the City of Longwood hereby confirms the City shall participate in the BFF coalition as a member. As a member, the City shall appoint a BFF liaison to ensure support and participation of local enforcement agencies and stakeholders; participate in enforcement training; participate in regular coalition meetings; and work with the coalition to establish criteria for locating and monitoring crosswalks. These steps will aid in the goal of increasing driver yield rates at marked crosswalks by changing drivers' behavior and, therefore, creating safer walking conditions.

SECTION III. The City Commission of the City of Longwood hereby confirms the City will work with the coalition to inform the citizenry regarding pedestrian laws, and will provide information to residents and visitors about safe and legal walking and biking techniques. This includes education regarding Chapter 316 of the Florida Statutes, which provides in part that vehicle

drivers must yield the 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.

SECTION IV. Conflicts. All Resolutions or parts of Resolutions in conflict with any of the provisions of this Resolution are hereby repealed.

SECTION V. Severability. If any Section or portion of a Section of this Resolution proves to be invalid, unlawful, or unconstitutional, it shall not be held to invalidate or impair the validity, force, or effect of any other Section or part of this Resolution.

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

PASSED and ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2019.

ATTEST:

MICHELLE LONGO, CMC
CITY CLERK

MATT MORGAN, MAYOR

Approved as to form and legality for the use and reliance of the City of Longwood, Florida, only.

DANIEL W. LANGLEY, CITY ATTORNEY