

RESOLUTION NO. 22-2016

**A RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COMMISSION
CONFIRMING ITS PARTICIPATION IN THE BEST
FOOT FORWARD FOR PEDESTRIAN SAFETY
PROGRAM**

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 past 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 compliments the City of Kissimmee's Complete Streets objectives that strive to enhance the health, well-being and access for its citizens and visitors.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the city commission of the City of Kissimmee, Florida as follows:

Section 1. The above recitals are true and incorporated as legislative findings.

Section 2. The City shall participate in the BFF coalition as a charter member. As a member, the City shall appoint a BFF liaison to ensure support and participation of local enforcement agencies and stakeholders; fund enforcement training; conduct monthly meetings; and 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, therefore, creating safer walking conditions.

Section 3. The City shall utilize Complete Streets design methods that require streets to be planned, designed, operated and maintained to enable safe, convenient, comfortable and energy efficient travel and access for users of all ages and abilities regardless of their mode of transportation including Pedestrians, Bicyclists, Motorists, Transit, Emergency Vehicles and Freight Handlers.

Section 4. The City will work with the coalition to inform the citizenry regarding pedestrian laws, and 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 states 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 5. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage.

DONE AND RESOLVED this 13th day of September, 2016.

Dated this 13th day of September 2016.



ATTEST:

Linda S. Hansell

By: Linda Hansell
City Clerk

CITY OF KISSIMMEE

Jim Swan

By: Jim Swan, Mayor-Commissioner

Approved as to Form & Legality:

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By: Donald T. Smallwood
City Attorney