

A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

November 5, 2019

To honor the memory of those killed on the District's roads in 2019 and to recognize November 17, 2019 as Vision Zero Remembrance Day in the District of Columbia.

WHEREAS, the World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims is commemorated on the third Sunday of November each year and has been adopted by the United Nations General Assembly;

WHEREAS, according to data kept by the Metropolitan Police Department, traffic deaths increased in the District every year between 2014 and 2018, including 36 deaths in 2018, which was the highest number in 10 years;

WHEREAS, as of October 31, 2019, 21 people have been killed on District roads during 2019;

WHEREAS, on February 11, 2019, 56-year-old Troy Sandy Austin of Southeast Washington, D.C. was killed when he was struck by a car when walking in 1500 block of North Capitol Street, N.W.;

WHEREAS, on February 20, 2019, an unidentified pedestrian was killed when they were walking across the street in the 5000 block of North Capitol Street, N.E.;

WHEREAS, on March 5, 2019, 65-year-old Willie Ulysees Williams of Northeast Washington, D.C. was killed when he was struck by a car while walking across the street in the 1500 block of Rhode Island Avenue, N.E.;

WHEREAS, on April 5, 2019, 36-year-old Lance Antonio Way of Silver Spring, Maryland and 53-year-old Audrey Wimbish of Southeast Washington, D.C. were killed in a crash on Interstate 295 that involved 4 cars;

WHEREAS, on April 19, 2019 David Salovesh was killed while riding his bicycle at the intersection of 12th Street, N.E., and Florida Avenue, N.E., when the driver of a stolen van struck him while travelling at an estimated 60 miles per hour;

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WHEREAS, on April 20, 2019, an unidentified person was killed when their car crossed three lanes of travel in the 4000 block of East Capitol Street, N.E., and struck a tree before being engulfed in flames;

WHEREAS, on April 21, 2019, 31-year-old Abdul Seck, of Bronx, New York was killed when he was struck by a car while walking in the 2100 block of 16th Street, S.E.;

WHEREAS, on May 3, 2019, 24-year-old Joshua Lorenzo Williams of Southeast Washington, D.C. was killed when he was struck by a car while walking across the intersection of Southern Avenue, S.E., and Beck Street, S.E.;

WHEREAS, on May 5, 2019, 34-year-old Latoya Markee Anderson of Southeast Washington, D.C. was killed when the car she was driving struck a traffic signal at the intersection of South Capitol Street, S.W., and Firth Sterling Avenue, S.E.;

WHEREAS, on May 13, 2019, 37-year-old Molly Waters of Alexandria, Virginia was killed while driving her motorcycle when she was struck by a car at the intersection of South Capitol Street, S.E., and First Sterling Avenue, S.E.;

WHEREAS, on May 17, 2019, an unidentified pedestrian was killed while walking across the street in the 2700 block of Martin Luther King Jr. Avenue, S.E.;

WHEREAS, on July 10, 2019, 42-year-old Thomas Dwight Spriggs and 63-year-old Jesus Antonio Llanes-Datil were killed when they were struck by a car while sitting on a park bench in James Monroe Park, at the intersection of 21st Street, N.W., and Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.;

WHEREAS, on August 4, 2019, 39-year-old Nelson Orellana of Northwest Washington, D.C. was killed when the car he was riding in struck a gate in the 1200 block of Harvard Street, N.W.;

WHEREAS, on August 13, 2019, 29-year-old Jascha Wilson of Southeast Washington, D.C. was killed when he was struck by a car while walking across the street in the 2600 block of North Capitol Street, N.W.;

WHEREAS, on September 30, 2019, 19-year-old Jawan Evans of Southeast Washington, D.C. was killed when the moped he was driving struck a car at the intersection of Martin Luther King Jr. Avenue, S.E., and Malcolm X Avenue, S.E.;

WHEREAS, on October 2, 2019, Romain Picou of Highland, Maryland was killed when the motorcycle he was driving struck an SUV at the intersection of Kansas Avenue, N.W., and Madison Avenue, N.W.;

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WHEREAS, on October 22, 2019, 17-year-old Jerome Clark, Jr. of Northeast Washington, D.C. was killed when the car he was riding in collided with another vehicle at the intersection of Chillum Road, N.E., and Eastern Avenue, N.E.; and

WHEREAS, on October 24, 2019, 15-year-old Amoni Richardson of Southeast Washington, D.C. was killed when she was struck by a car while walking across the street in the 3900 block of East Capitol Street, S.E.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, that this resolution may be cited as the “Vision Zero Remembrance Day Resolution of 2019”.

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia honors the memory of the 825 people killed on District roads since 1999, including the 21 people killed on our roads in 2019, and declares November 17, 2019 to be Vision Zero Remembrance Day in the District of Columbia.

Sec. 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon the first date of publication in the District of Columbia Register.