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PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY GOVERNMENT

OFFICE OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

October 30, 2023

The Honorable Thomas E. Dernoga
Prince George's County Council
Wayne K. Curry Administration Building
Largo, Maryland 20774

Dear Council Chair Dernoga:

Enclosed for the County Council's consideration is a Resolution that expresses Prince George's County's observance of World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims on Sunday, November 19, 2023, which is a part of an international effort to increase roadway safety by honoring the victims of road traffic crashes and their families.


According to the United Nations, this day is an important reminder for all communities across the world of the obligation and duty we have at all levels of life and governance to reduce fatalities on roads. World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims is an opportunity for renewed commitment and focus on the goals and pillars of the Vision Zero movement worldwide; but especially the County's pledge via Vision Zero Prince George's to achieve zero traffic deaths on the County's roadways by 2040.

The World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims is organized in various cities throughout the world in different ways, but with the common goal of memorializing those life lost in many times what were preventable crashes. According to the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), around the world, each year, 1.35 million people are killed in *preventable* traffic crashes; **road traffic crashes are a leading cause of death in the United States for people ages 1–54 and they are the leading cause of nonnatural death for U.S. citizens residing or traveling abroad.** Every day, almost 3,700 people are killed globally in crashes involving cars, buses, motorcycles, bicycles, trucks, or pedestrians. More than half of those killed are pedestrians, motorcyclists, or cyclists.

Further, the CDC reports that crash injuries are estimated to be the eighth leading cause of death globally for all age groups and the leading cause of death for children and young people 5–29 years of age. It is estimated that fatal and nonfatal crash injuries will cost the world economy approximately \$1.8 trillion dollars.

The County Council's favorable consideration of this legislation is greatly appreciated. Should you require additional information, please contact Michael D. Johnson, P.E., Director, DPW&T, at (301) 883-5601.

Sincerely,


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Enclosures

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