

RESOLUTION NO. 2012-03

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF DAYTONA BEACH SHORES, VOLUSIA COUNTY, FLORIDA, ALONG WITH VOLUSIA COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS, INC. GOVERNING BOARD, TO PROMOTE SAFETY AWARENESS FOR CHILDREN AND PARENTS.

WHEREAS, VCOG, Inc. a Volusia Council of Governments, was established in January, 1970, to develop coordinated plans, programs and policies of mutual interest for all participating jurisdictions in Volusia Council; and

WHEREAS, VCOG, Inc. Governing Board consists of representatives from the Cities of Daytona Beach, Daytona Beach Shores, DeBary, DeLand, Deltona, Edgewater, Holly Hill, Lake Helen, New Smyrna Beach, Oak Hill, Orange City, Ormond Beach, Pierson, Ponce Inlet, Port Orange and South Daytona, the County of Volusia and the Volusia County School Board; and

WHEREAS, twenty four Volusia county students have experienced a traffic related accident during the 2011-2012 school calendar year; fourteen walkers, and ten bicyclers; two which resulted in death; and

WHEREAS, as a result of these accidents, a Safety Initiative Committee, consisting of School Administrators, local Law Enforcement and other outside agencies have come together to communicate a safety message to all students through school wide assemblies, build and distribute Public Service Announcements (PSA's) for schools, District Attorney Council (DAC), Student Advisory Council (SAC) and Parent Teacher Association (PTA) groups and develop and fund sustainable safety programs to educate students on proper pedestrian safety; and

WHEREAS, the Safety Initiative Committee site based reviews focus to utilize technology and design counter-measures, examine adequate walk space for students, leading pedestrian interval at crossing and the addition of school warning signs and pavement markings where needed; and

WHEREAS, Volusia County and its communities are urged to work closely with local schools and neighboring jurisdictions, promoting public awareness of Walk Safe Programs, Walk to School Programs, Pedestrian and Bicycle Training Programs, offering tips for children and adults on pedestrian and school bus safety prior to the beginning of the 2012-2013 school calendar year; and

WHEREAS, all drivers on Volusia County roadways need to acquaint themselves with the school zone, stopped school bus and pedestrian laws prior to and during the 2012-2013 school year as well as eliminating any form of distraction while driving; and

WHEREAS, the media covering the Volusia County area are urged to promote these programs and assist in public awareness of safety tips and procedures prior to and during the 2012-2013 school calendar year.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DAYTONA BEACH SHORES AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1: This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

City of Daytona Beach Shores

Harry Jennings, Mayor

Michael Booker, City Manager

Cheri Schwab, City Clerk

Approved as to form and legality

Lonnie Groot, City Attorney

Passed and adopted on this 12th day of June, 2012.