UPPER DARBY TOWNSHIP COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. 8-26

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF UPPER DARBY TOWNSHIP, DELAWARE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA ESTABLISHING ITS SUPPORT FOR VISION ZERO, WHICH IS A STRATEGY TO ELIMINATE TRAFFIC-RELATED DEATHS AND SEVERE INJURIES; REPEALING ALL INCONSISTENT RESOLUTIONS OR PART THEREOF; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Upper Darby Township is a Home Rule municipality organized and operating in accordance with the Charter of Upper Darby Township ("Charter") as permitted by the Home Rule Charter and Optional Plans Law, 53 Pa. C.S. §2901 et seq. ("Home Rule Law"); and

WHEREAS, Vision Zero is a comprehensive strategy to eliminate all traffic-related deaths and severe injuries while promoting safe mobility for all; and

WHEREAS, the 24,132 traffic crashes reported in Delaware County between 2018 and 2022 have resulted in 895 serious injuries and 130 lives lost; and

WHEREAS, the health and safety of its residents is the utmost priority of Upper Darby Township; and

WHEREAS, implementation of a Vision Zero strategy will improve resident health and safety, expand transportation options, and encourage the economic and environmental resiliency of Upper Darby Township; and

WHEREAS, the Vision Zero plan is consistent with Upper Darby's 2018 Comprehensive Plan as defined in Goal Three of the plan which aims to Reconnect Our Neighborhoods to the Region Through Multi-Modal Transportation Connections, noting the lack of greenways and bicycle paths, inconsistent walkability and the need for walking access to transit hubs, under Goal Three action item five, the plan says that Upper Darby Township should implement a complete streets policy to meet the needs of all road users specifically stating The Township's policy should be designed to emphasize sensitive solutions, and where possible, support the Delaware County Transportation Plan for a Vision Zero Policy to eliminate fatalities and serious injuries on the roadways; and

WHEREAS, the Upper Darby Planning Commission reviewed Vision Zero Delco on February 9, 2026 and recommends adoption by Upper Darby Township Council; and

WHEREAS, the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation Strategic Highway Safety Plan has committed to a Towards Zero Deaths model of highway safety which plans to achieve zero traffic fatalities by 2050; and

WHEREAS, Delaware County Comprehensive Plan Objective TR 2 identifies multiple policies in support of improving the safety of the county's transportation network, and encourages municipalities to adopt Vision Zero policies to eliminate fatalities and serious injuries on roadways; and

WHEREAS, roadway design, transportation safety, and mobility improvements adheres to the "Complete Streets" considerations identified in the Delaware County Comprehensive Plan, and thereby help improve resident safety, reduce congestion, provide health and environmental benefit, and make Upper Darby Township and the County more resilient and economically competitive; and

WHEREAS, Delaware County is developing a county-wide Vision Zero Action Plan to build a safer transportation system for everyone and eliminate traffic-related deaths and severe injuries by 2050; and

WHEREAS, over 2,300 residents in Delaware County have expressed support and participated in the Vision Zero Action Plan through meetings, interviews, comment forms, and walk audits; and

WHEREAS, the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission is developing a long-range safety action program with the goal of eliminating traffic-relating deaths and severe injuries by 2050; and

WHEREAS, Upper Darby Township will join other municipalities around the nation in recognizing that crashes that result in death or severe injury are not inevitable but largely preventable, and stem in part from roadway design that insufficiently accounts for human error and protects multimodal transportation users; and

WHEREAS, Upper Darby Township will join Delaware County and municipalities around the nation in committing to the elimination of traffic-related fatalities and injuries by the year 2050.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it, and it is hereby **RESOLVED** by the Upper Darby Township Council, and it is hereby **ADOPTED** and **RESOLVED** by authority of same as follows:

1. That Upper Darby Township declares that even one death or serious injury on its roads is too many.

2. That Upper Darby Township commits to, in any way deemed appropriate, the elimination of traffic-related fatalities and serious injuries by 2050 via a local Vision Zero initiative.

3. That Upper Darby Township commits to, in any way deemed appropriate, assisting in concurrent Vision Zero initiatives, including the Delaware County Vision Zero Action Plan.

4. All resolutions, or parts thereof, inconsistent with the provisions of this Resolution are hereby repealed to the extent of the inconsistency.

5. The provisions of this Resolution are declared to be severable. If any provision of this Resolution is declared by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid or unconstitutional, such determination shall have no effect on the remaining provisions of this Resolution.

6. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon the signature of the Mayor or, in the event the Mayor neither approves nor vetoes this Resolution, fifteen days after the last day on which the Mayor can approve or veto this Resolution, as set forth in the Upper Darby Township Home Rule Charter, Section C-702.C.

RESOLVED and **ADOPTED** this 4th day of March, 2026.

ATTEST: _____
MICHELLE BILLUPS
SECRETARY OF COUNCIL

BY: _____
MARION MINICK
PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

Resolution No. 8-26 is hereby approved this 4th day of March, 2026

ATTEST: _____
CRANDALL O. JONES
CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

BY: _____
EDWARD BROWN
MAYOR