













# 1. Cherokee County Board of Commissioners Safety Action Plan Adoption

### STATE OF GEORGIA COUNTY OF CHEROKEE

### **RESOLUTION NO. 2025-R-019**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CHEROKEE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, ADOPTING THE CHEROKEE COUNTY AND MUNICIPALITIES COMPREHENSIVE SAFETY ACTION PLAN; AUTHORIZING THE TRANSMITTAL OF THE CHEROKEE COUNTY AND MUNICIPALITIES COMPREHENSIVE SAFETY ACTION PLAN TO THE FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION; PROVIDING FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CHEROKEE COUNTY AND MUNICIPALITIES COMPREHENSIVE SAFETY ACTION PLAN; PROVIDING FOR THE EXECUTION AND REALIZATION OF PLAN GOALS AND OBJECTIVES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

WHEREAS, Cherokee County experienced 87 roadway fatalities and 436 crashes that resulted in life-altering injuries between 2018 and 2022; and

WHEREAS, traffic deaths and serious injuries are preventable and often result from roadway designs that are ineffective in accommodating multimodal use; and

WHEREAS, a Safe System Approach to roadway safety acknowledges that humans make mistakes and therefore, roadways must be designed to minimize the impact of crashes on the human body; and

WHEREAS, Cherokee County received a federal Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Action Plan grant from the United States Department of Transportation in 2023 (USDOT Award# 693JJ32340037) to complete a Safety Action Plan with the goal of eliminating fatalities and reducing serious injuries on the countywide roadway network, with the cities of Ball Ground, Canton, Holly Springs, and Woodstock each contributed matching dollars; and

WHEREAS, Cherokee County and the cities collaborated with stakeholders, including major employers and nonprofit partners, to develop a data-driven and community-based Safety Action Plan over 2024 and early 2025; and

WHEREAS, public input, which was received at in-person meetings and outreach events at various locations and community gatherings, joined by the online survey which received 670 responses, while the online map input activity received 420 comments from 145 unique contributors, provides evidence of the citizenry's desire for roadway safety improvements; and

WHEREAS, the resulting Safety Action Plan produced by Cherokee County and the cities of Ball Ground, Canton, Holly Springs, and Woodstock is known as the, "Cherokee County and Municipalities Comprehensive Safety Action Plan;" and

WHEREAS, the Cherokee County and Municipalities Comprehensive Safety Action Plan includes public outreach and engagement feedback, safety analysis, policy framework, project development and prioritization, recommended work program, evaluation and monitoring, and education/public awareness/communications; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners seek to adopt the Cherokee County and Municipalities Comprehensive Safety Action Plan, transmitting the final plan document to the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), complying with grant award agreement requirements; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners seek to pursue an implementation plan for the recommendations of the Cherokee County and Municipalities Comprehensive Safety Action Plan, setting forth a Vision Zero Policy and multijurisdictional effort with the goal of eliminating fatalities and reducing series injuries on the countywide roadway network; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Cherokee County Board of Commissioners:

The Cherokee County and Municipalities Comprehensive Safety Action Plan, attached hereto as Exhibit "A," is hereby adopted; and

The Cherokee County Community Development Agency is hereby directed to transmit the final plan and any accompanying required Safe Street for All (SS4A) Program deliverables to FHWA prior to March 31, 2025; and

The Cherokee County Community Development Agency is hereby directed to establish an implementation plan for the Cherokee County and Municipalities Comprehensive Safety Action Plan; and

The Cherokee County Community Development Agency is hereby directed to coordinate with the municipalities of Cherokee County as well as other local, state, and federal partners and stakeholders to pursue the implementation of a Vision Zero Policy, Vision Zero Task Force, while also proposing a framework and timelines to achieve the goals and objectives set forth in the Cherokee County and Municipalities Comprehensive Safety Action Plan.

### SO RESOLVED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED this 4th day of March, 2025.

By:

HARRY B. JOHNSTON, Chairman

Attest

CHRISTY BLACK, County Clerk



## 2. Cherokee County Board of Commissioners Vision Zero Adoption

### STATE OF GEORGIA COUNTY OF CHEROKEE

### RESOLUTION NO. 2025-R-020

A RESOLUTION OF THE CHEROKEE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, PURSUING A VISION ZERO POLICY WITH THE ADOPTION OF THE CHEROKEE COUNTY AND MUNICIPALITIES COMPREHENSIVE SAFETY ACTION PLAN, TO SET FORTH THE GOAL OF ZERO DEATHS AND SERIOUS INJURIES THAT ARE AS A RESULT OF ROADWAY CRASHES IN CHEROKEE COUNTY BY 2040; TO RESOLVE TO CONTINUE TO COLLABORATE WITH MUNICIPAL, STATE, AND FEDERAL PARTNERS TO ACHIEVE VISION ZERO GOALS; TO CONTINUE TO ENGAGE LOCAL STAKEHOLDERS TO PURSUE PROJECT GOALS AND MONITOR PROGRESS WITH THE VISION ZERO GOALS

WHEREAS, Cherokee County experienced 87 roadway fatalities and 436 crashes that resulted in life-altering injuries between 2018 and 2022; and

WHEREAS, traffic deaths and serious injuries are preventable and often result from roadway designs that are ineffective in accommodating multimodal use; and

WHEREAS, a Safe System Approach to roadway safety acknowledges that humans make mistakes and therefore, roadways must be designed to minimize the impact of crashes on the human body; and

WHEREAS, Cherokee County received a federal Safe Streets and Roads for All Action Plan grant in 2023, and the cities of Ball Ground, Canton, Holly Springs, and Woodstock each contributed matching dollars; and

WHEREAS, Cherokee County and the Cities of Ball Ground, Canton, Holly Springs, and Woodstock, as well as the populace, have a collective responsibility to contribute to a safe system; and

WHEREAS, Cherokee County and the cities collaborated with stakeholders, including major employers and nonprofit partners, to develop a data-driven and community-based Safety Action Plan over 2024 and early 2025; and

WHEREAS, public input collected during the Safety Action Plan development process provides evidence of the citizenry's desire for roadway safety improvements; and

WHEREAS, Safe Kids Cherokee County (led by Cherokee County Fire and Emergency Services) is one of over 20 local coalitions in Georgia implementing safety programs and hands-on training; and

WHEREAS, Vision Zero is a holistic strategy aimed at eliminating all traffic fatalities and severe injuries suffered by all road users while increasing safe, healthy, and equitable mobility for all;

WHEREAS, streets and transportation systems have traditionally been designed primarily to move cars efficiently, and Vision Zero supports a paradigm shift by designing streets and transportation systems to move all people safely, including people of all ages and abilities, pedestrians, bicyclists, public transit users, and motorcyclists, as well as drivers and passengers of motor vehicles; and

WHEREAS, Cherokee County must manage population growth and development to ensure that growth does not put undue burden on the existing roadway network and increase safety risk; and

WHEREAS, the Cherokee County population is aging, and as such, specific initiatives for older driver safety are needed; and

WHEREAS, Vision Zero resolutions have been adopted by many jurisdictions across the United States,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Cherokee County Board of Commissioners:

Cherokee County joins the Vision Zero movement by committing to a goal of zero deaths and serious injuries that are a result of roadway crashes in Cherokee County by 2040.

Cherokee County commits to safer streets for all users, including drivers, pedestrians, cyclists, transit users, and individuals utilizing various modes of transportation.

Cherokee County commits to continued collaboration with neighboring jurisdictions and other partners to advance projects identified by the Safety Action Plan.

Cherokee County commits to monitoring and reporting on progress toward the Vision Zero goal.

### SO RESOLVED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED this 4th day of March, 2025.

By:

HARRY B. JOHNSTON, Chairman

Attest

CHRISTY BLACK, County Clerk

(SEALONTY CHOCKER)

### 3. Ball Ground City Council Vision Zero Adoption

### Resolution of the City of Ball Ground, Georgia

### **RESOLUTION NO. 2025-2**

### A RESOLUTION TO ADOPT A VISION ZERO POLICY

Whereas, Cherokee County experienced 87 roadway fatalities and 436 crashes that resulted in life-altering injuries between 2018 and 2022; and

Whereas, traffic deaths and serious injuries are preventable and often result from roadway designs that are ineffective in accommodating multimodal use; and

Whereas, a Safe System Approach to roadway safety acknowledges that humans make mistakes and therefore, roadways must be designed to minimize the impact of crashes on the human body; and

Whereas, Cherokee County received a federal Safe Streets and Roads for All Action Plan grant in 2023, and the cities of Ball Ground, Canton, Holly Springs, and Woodstock each contributed matching dollars; and

Whereas, Cherokee County and the Cities of Ball Ground, Canton, Holly Springs, and Woodstock, as well as the populace, have a collective responsibility to contribute to a safe system; and

Whereas, Cherokee County and the cities collaborated with stakeholders, including major employers and nonprofit partners, to develop a data-driven and community-based Safety Action Plan over 2024 and early 2025; and

Whereas, public input collected during the Safety Action Plan development process provides evidence of the citizenry's desire for roadway safety improvements; and

Whereas, Safe Kids Cherokee County (led by Cherokee County Fire and Emergency Services) is one of over 20 local coalitions in Georgia implementing safety programs and hands-on training; and

Whereas, Vision Zero is a holistic strategy aimed at eliminating all traffic fatalities and severe injuries suffered by all road users while increasing safe, healthy, and equitable mobility for all;

Whereas, streets and transportation systems have traditionally been designed primarily to move cars efficiently, and Vision Zero supports a paradigm shift by designing streets and transportation systems to move all people safely, including people of all ages and abilities, pedestrians, bicyclists, public transit users, and motorcyclists, as well as drivers and passengers of motor vehicles; and

Whereas, Cherokee County must manage population growth and development to ensure that growth does not put undue burden on the existing roadway network and increase safety risk; and

Whereas, the Cherokee County population is aging, and as such, specific initiatives for older driver safety are needed; and

Whereas, Vision Zero resolutions have been adopted by many jurisdictions across the United States.

### Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved by the City Council of Ball Ground:

The City of Ball Ground joins the Vision Zero movement by committing to a goal of zero deaths and serious injuries that are a result of roadway crashes in Cherokee County by 2040.

The City of Ball Ground commits to safer streets for all users, including drivers, pedestrians, cyclists, transit users, and individuals utilizing various modes of transportation.

The City of Ball Ground commits to continued collaboration with neighboring jurisdictions and other partners to advance projects identified by the Safety Action Plan.

The City of Ball Ground commits to monitoring and reporting on progress toward the Vision Zero goal.

The City Clerk shall certify the adoption of this Resolution, effective immediately, by the City Council.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Ball Ground, State of Georgia, on February 13th, 2025.

CITY OF BALL GROUND, GEORGIA

A.R. Roberts, III, Mayor

Attact.

Kaylyn Bush, City Clerk

(Seal)

### 4. Canton City Council Vision Zero Adoption

### A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF CANTON, GEORGIA ADOPTING A VISION ZERO POLICY

Whereas, Cherokee County experienced 87 roadway fatalities and 436 crashes that resulted in lifealtering injuries between 2018 and 2022; and

Whereas, traffic deaths and serious injuries are preventable and often result from roadway designs that are ineffective in accommodating multimodal use; and

Whereas, a Safe System Approach to roadway safety acknowledges that humans make mistakes and therefore, roadways must be designed to minimize the impact of crashes on the human body; and

Whereas, Cherokee County received a federal Safe Streets and Roads for All Action Plan grant in 2023, and the cities of Ball Ground, Canton, Holly Springs, and Woodstock each contributed matching dollars; and

Whereas, Cherokee County and the Cities of Ball Ground, Canton, Holly Springs, and Woodstock, as well as the populace, have a collective responsibility to contribute to a safe system; and

Whereas, Cherokee County and the cities collaborated with stakeholders, including major employers and nonprofit partners, to develop a data-driven and community-based Safety Action Plan over 2024 and early 2025; and

Whereas, public input collected during the Safety Action Plan development process provides evidence of the citizenry's desire for roadway safety improvements; and

Whereas, Safe Kids Cherokee County (led by Cherokee County Fire and Emergency Services) is one of over 20 local coalitions in Georgia implementing safety programs and hands-on training; and

Whereas, Vision Zero is a holistic strategy aimed at eliminating all traffic fatalities and severe injuries suffered by all road users while increasing safe, healthy, and equitable mobility for all;

Whereas, streets and transportation systems have traditionally been designed primarily to move cars efficiently, and Vision Zero supports a paradigm shift by designing streets and transportation systems to move all people safely, including people of all ages and abilities, pedestrians, bicyclists, public transit users, and motorcyclists, as well as drivers and passengers of motor vehicles; and

Whereas, Cherokee County must manage population growth and development to ensure that growth does not put undue burden on the existing roadway network and increase safety risk; and

Whereas, the Cherokee County population is aging, and as such, specific initiatives for older driver safety are needed; and

Whereas, Vision Zero resolutions have been adopted by many jurisdictions across the United States.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved by the City Council of Canton, Georgia:

The City of Canton joins the Vision Zero movement by committing to a goal of zero deaths and serious injuries that are a result of roadway crashes in Cherokee County by 2040.

The City commits to safer streets for all users, including drivers, pedestrians, cyclists, transit users, and individuals utilizing various modes of transportation.

The City commits to continued collaboration with neighboring jurisdictions and other partners to advance projects identified by the Safety Action Plan.

The City commits to monitoring and reporting on progress toward the Vision Zero goal.

The City Clerk shall certify the adoption of this Resolution, effective immediately, by the Canton, Georgia City Council.

RESOLVED, this 20th day of February, 2025.

Bill Grant, Mayor

Annie Fortner, City Clerk

Approved as to Form:

Robert M. Dyer, City Attorney

### 5. Holly Springs City Council Vision Zero Adoption

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HOLLY SPRINGS, GEORGIA AUTHORIZING THE ADOPTION OF A VISION ZERO POLICY PURSUANT TO THE FEDERAL SAFE STREETS AND ROADS FOR ALL (SS4A) ACTION PLAN GRANT AND SAFETY ACTION PLAN TO ELIMINATE TRAFFIC FATALITIES AND SEVERE INJURIES SUFFERED BY ALL ROAD USERS THROUGHOUT CHEROKEE COUNTY

WHEREAS, Cherokee County experienced 87 roadway fatalities and 436 crashes that resulted in life-altering injuries between 2018 and 2022; and

WHEREAS, traffic deaths and serious injuries are preventable and often result from roadway designs that are ineffective in accommodating multimodal use; and

WHEREAS, a Safe System Approach to roadway safety acknowledges that humans make mistakes and therefore, roadways must be designed to minimize the impact of crashes on the human body; and

WHEREAS, Cherokee County received a federal Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Action Plan grant in 2023, and the cities of Ball Ground, Canton, Holly Springs, and Woodstock each contributed matching dollars; and

WHEREAS, Cherokee County and the cities of Ball Ground, Canton, Holly Springs, and Woodstock, as well as the populace, have a collective responsibility to contribute to a safe system; and

WHEREAS, Cherokee County and the cities collaborated with stakeholders, including major employers and nonprofit partners, to develop a data-driven and community-based Safety Action Plan over 2024 and early 2025; and

WHEREAS, public input collected during the Safety Action Plan development process provides evidence of the citizenry's desire for roadway safety improvements; and

**WHEREAS**, Safe Kids Cherokee County (led by Cherokee County Fire and Emergency Services) is one of over 20 local coalitions in Georgia implementing safety programs and hands-on training; and

WHEREAS, Vision Zero is a holistic strategy aimed at eliminating all traffic fatalities and severe injuries suffered by all road users while increasing safe, healthy, and equitable mobility for all; and

WHEREAS, streets and transportation systems have traditionally been designed primarily to move cars efficiently, and Vision Zero supports a paradigm shift by designing streets and transportation systems to move all people safely, including people of all ages and abilities, pedestrians, bicyclists, public transit users, and motorcyclists, as well as drivers and passengers of motor vehicles; and

WHEREAS, Cherokee County must manage population growth and development to ensure that growth does not put undue burden on the existing roadway network and increase safety risk; and

**WHEREAS**, the Cherokee County population is aging, and as such, specific initiatives for older driver safety are needed; and

**WHEREAS**, Vision Zero resolutions have been adopted by many jurisdictions across the United States; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Holly Springs, Georgia, that:

- 1. City of Holly Springs joins the Vision Zero movement by committing to a goal of zero deaths and serious injuries that are a result of roadway crashes in Cherokee County by 2040.
- 2. City of Holly Springs commits to safer streets for all users, including drivers, pedestrians, cyclists, transit users, and individuals utilizing various modes of transportation.
- 3. City of Holly Springs commits to continued collaboration with neighboring jurisdictions and other partners to advance projects identified by the Safety Action Plan.
- 4. City of Holly Springs commits to monitoring and reporting on progress toward the Vision Zero goal.

The City Clerk shall certify the adoption of this Resolution, effective immediately, by the Mayor and City Council.

This Resolution is adopted this 24th day of February, 2025.

CITY OF HOLLY SPRINGS

Ryan P. Shirley, Mayor

Attest:

Karen Norred, City Clerk

(Seal)

### 6. Waleska City Council Vision Zero Adoption

### A RESOLUTION OF THE City Council OF THE City of Waleska ADOPTING A VISION ZERO POLICY

Whereas, Cherokee County experienced 87 roadway fatalities and 436 crashes that resulted in lifealtering injuries between 2018 and 2022; and

Whereas, traffic deaths and serious injuries are preventable and often result from roadway designs that are ineffective in accommodating multimodal use; and

Whereas, a Safe System Approach to roadway safety acknowledges that humans make mistakes and therefore, roadways must be designed to minimize the impact of crashes on the human body; and

Whereas, Cherokee County received a federal Safe Streets and Roads for All Action Plan grant in 2023, and the cities of Ball Ground, Canton, Holly Springs, and Woodstock each contributed matching dollars; and

Whereas, Cherokee County and the Cities of Ball Ground, Canton, Holly Springs, and Woodstock, as well as the populace, have a collective responsibility to contribute to a safe system; and

Whereas, Cherokee County and the cities collaborated with stakeholders, including major employers and nonprofit partners, to develop a data-driven and community-based Safety Action Plan over 2024 and early 2025; and

Whereas, public input collected during the Safety Action Plan development process provides evidence of the citizenry's desire for roadway safety improvements; and

Whereas, Safe Kids Cherokee County (led by Cherokee County Fire and Emergency Services) is one of over 20 local coalitions in Georgia implementing safety programs and hands-on training; and

Whereas, Vision Zero is a holistic strategy aimed at eliminating all traffic fatalities and severe injuries suffered by all road users while increasing safe, healthy, and equitable mobility for all;

Whereas, streets and transportation systems have traditionally been designed primarily to move cars efficiently, and Vision Zero supports a paradigm shift by designing streets and transportation systems to move all people safely, including people of all ages and abilities, pedestrians, bicyclists, public transit users, and motorcyclists, as well as drivers and passengers of motor vehicles; and

Whereas, Cherokee County must manage population growth and development to ensure that growth does not put undue burden on the existing roadway network and increase safety risk; and

Whereas, the Cherokee County population is aging, and as such, specific initiatives for older driver safety are needed; and

Whereas, Vision Zero resolutions have been adopted by many jurisdictions across the United States,

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved by the City Council of City of Waleska:

City of Waleska joins the Vision Zero movement by committing to a goal of zero deaths and serious injuries that are a result of roadway crashes in Cherokee County by 2040.

City of Waleska commits to safer streets for all users, including drivers, pedestrians, cyclists, transit users, and individuals utilizing various modes of transportation.

City of Waleska commits to continued collaboration with neighboring jurisdictions and other partners to advance projects identified by the Safety Action Plan.

commits to monitoring and reporting on progress toward the Vision Zero goal.

The City Clerk, Kim Kirsch, shall certify the adoption of this Resolution, effective immediately, by the City Council.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Waleska, State of Georgia, on February 17, 2025, by the following vote: Councilmember Bosch – yea, Councilmember Brown – yea, Councilmember Greene – yea, Councilmember Cochran – nay, Councilmember Blackwell – nay, Councilmember Patrick – nay, Mayor Lamb - yea.

Mary Helen Lamb

May Helm Lamb

Date

19/2025

### 7. Woodstock City Council Vision Zero Adoption



### CITY OF WOODSTOCK STATE OF GEORGIA

### RESOLUTION NO. 2025-002

### A RESOLUTION BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WOODSTOCK, GEORGIA ADOPTING A VISION ZERO POLICY

**WHEREAS**, Cherokee County experienced 87 roadway fatalities and 436 crashes that resulted in lifealtering injuries between 2018 and 2022; and

WHEREAS, traffic deaths and serious injuries are preventable and often result from roadway designs that are ineffective in accommodating multimodal use; and

WHEREAS, a Safe System Approach to roadway safety acknowledges that humans make mistakes and therefore, roadways must be designed to minimize the impact of crashes on the human body; and

WHEREAS, Cherokee County received a federal Safe Streets and Roads for All Action Plan grant in 2023, and the cities of Ball Ground, Canton, Holly Springs, and Woodstock each contributed matching dollars; and

**WHEREAS**, Cherokee County and the Cities of Ball Ground, Canton, Holly Springs, and Woodstock, as well as the populace, have a collective responsibility to contribute to a safe system; and

WHEREAS, Cherokee County and the cities collaborated with stakeholders, including major employers and nonprofit partners, to develop a data-driven and community-based Safety Action Plan over 2024 and early 2025; and

WHEREAS, public input collected during the Safety Action Plan development process provides evidence of the citizenry's desire for roadway safety improvements; and

WHEREAS, Safe Kids Cherokee County (led by Cherokee County Fire and Emergency Services) is one of over 20 local coalitions in Georgia implementing safety programs and hands-on training; and

**WHEREAS**, Vision Zero is a holistic strategy aimed at eliminating all traffic fatalities and severe injuries suffered by all road users while increasing safe, healthy, and equitable mobility for all;

**WHEREAS**, streets and transportation systems have traditionally been designed primarily to move cars efficiently, and Vision Zero supports a paradigm shift by designing streets and transportation systems to move all people safely, including people of all ages and abilities, pedestrians, bicyclists, public transit users, and motorcyclists, as well as drivers and passengers of motor vehicles; and

WHEREAS, Cherokee County must manage population growth and development to ensure that growth does not put undue burden on the existing roadway network and increase safety risk; and

WHEREAS, the Cherokee County population is aging, and as such, specific initiatives for older driver safety are needed; and

WHEREAS, Vision Zero resolutions have been adopted by many jurisdictions across the United States,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of The City of Woodstock, Georgia:

The City of Woodstock, Georgia joins the Vision Zero movement by committing to a goal of zero deaths and serious injuries that are a result of roadway crashes in Cherokee County by 2040.

The City of Woodstock, Georgia commits to safer streets for all users, including drivers, pedestrians, cyclists, transit users, and individuals utilizing various modes of transportation.

The City of Woodstock, Georgia commits to continued collaboration with neighboring jurisdictions and other partners to advance projects identified by the Safety Action Plan.

The City of Woodstock, Georgia commits to monitoring and reporting on progress toward the Vision Zero goal.

The City of Woodstock, Georgia Clerk shall certify the adoption of this Resolution, effective immediately, by the City Council.

Adopted this 10th day of March 2025

Michael Caldwell, Mayor

Robyn Adams, City Clerk