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CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING OCTOBER AS PEDESTRIAN SAFETY MONTH IN THE CITY OF BOSTON

WHEREAS, Since 2015, incidents reported to Boston EMS of pedestrians struck by vehicles have broadly decreased, signaling initial success with pedestrian safety initiatives, but since the start of this year, 207 pedestrians have been struck, demonstrating the need for continued improvements to pedestrian safety measures; *and*

WHEREAS, In 2017, the City of Boston changed the default speed limit from 30 mph to 25 mph to help make the City safer for people of all ages and abilities and to meet the goals set forth in Vision Zero Boston; *and*

WHEREAS, Despite a national decline in pedestrian deaths, Massachusetts saw a 16 percent increase in pedestrian fatalities in 2024 with Boston accounting for the most pedestrian deaths by motor vehicles; *and*

WHEREAS, Crafting streets with robust pedestrian safety infrastructure— including but not limited to speed humps, raised crosswalks and intersections, narrowed streets, lights, and signage— is a key part of keeping streets safe for commuters of all modes; *and*

WHEREAS, Community members, civic organizing groups, and elected officials have called for continued pedestrian safety improvements from changes in infrastructure, changing how we manage traffic, and enforcement of existing traffic laws often neglected by commuters; *and*

WHEREAS, Recognizing Pedestrian Safety Month demonstrates that the Boston City Council is committed to pursuing roads that are safe for all commuters, especially pedestrians who are the most vulnerable; **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT**

RESOLVED: That the Boston City Council express its support for continued and additional investments in pedestrian safety infrastructure, that Bostonians look out for their neighbors traveling Boston on foot, and that the Boston City Council hereby recognize October as Pedestrian Safety Month in the City of Boston.

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