

**CITY OF CORTEZ  
RESOLUTION NO. 7, SERIES 2025**

**A RESOLUTION COMMITTING TO A VISION ZERO PLEDGE TO END TRAFFIC  
FATALITIES AND SERIOUS INJURIES ON CORTEZ'S STREETS AMONG ALL  
STREET USERS**

WHEREAS, five people were killed and 21 were seriously injured on Cortez's streets from 2018 – 2022; and

WHEREAS, deaths and serious injuries on the City's streets are preventable and even one traffic fatality on City streets is one too many; and

WHEREAS, the City has conducted extensive public engagement and safety analysis to develop a Safety Action Plan that aims to prevent deaths and serious injuries on City streets; and

WHEREAS, the City intends to seek funding for safety improvements through the Federal Highway Administration's Safe Streets and Roads for All Program and other funding sources; and

WHEREAS, Vision Zero is a proven framework for eliminating traffic deaths and serious injuries through intergovernmental and community partnerships leveraging resources and funds to ensure safe and efficient multimodal transportation; and

WHEREAS, a comprehensive Vision Zero strategy unifies existing safety efforts and elevates improvements through engineering and street design, education and engagement efforts, enforcement and technology, evaluation and data analysis, and equity; and

WHEREAS, taking the Vision Zero pledge gives the City access to global best practices and resources.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CORTEZ CITY COUNCIL:

THAT, the City Council hereby adopts a Vision Zero goal of achieving zero traffic fatalities and serious injuries on Cortez's roadways by 2045; and

THAT, the City staff shall prepare and provide an annual report to City Council to relay progress on the Safety Action Plan implementation and track crash metrics; and

THAT, the City shall convene a Vision Zero Task Force comprised of relevant City staff, stakeholders from partner jurisdictions such as Montezuma County and CDOT, and community member representatives to facilitate implementation and monitoring of the Safety Action Plan.

MOVED, SECONDED, AND ADOPTED THIS 13th DAY OF MAY, 2025.

  
Dennis Spruell, Mayor Pro-tem

ATTEST:

  
Linda Smith, City Clerk