**A RESOLUTION OF THE (GOVERNING BODY) OF THE (MUNICIPALITY, STATE) ESTABLISHING THE GOAL OF ZERO FATALITIES IN THE (MUNICIPALITY) RAIL ENVIRONMENT AND AT RAIL CROSSINGS; ADOPTING ‘RAIL S.A.F.E.’ AS THE POLICY FOR RAIL SAFETY FOR THE (MUNICIPALITY); PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

  **WHEREAS,** Trespassing on railroad property is the leading cause of all rail-related deaths in the United States; and

**WHEREAS,** according to preliminary 2023 Federal Railroad Administration statistics, 2,190 highway-rail grade crossing collisions, 248 crossing fatalities, and 752 crossing injuries occurred in the U.S.; and

  **WHEREAS,** death and injury in railroad rights-of-way is unacceptable; and

  **WHEREAS,** Rail S.A.F.E. (Safety and Functionality for Everyone) is a rail safety policy and system which provides a framework for reducing deaths and serious injuries-- resulting from trespassing in railroad rights-of-way or crashes between trains and motorists, bicyclists and pedestrians--   through a combination of engineering, education, enforcement measures, and community planning; and

 **WHEREAS,** Rail S.A.F.E. takes a “Safe Systems” approach to rail safety, a holistic view that requires people to think about rail safety in the context of the **(CITY/TOWN/VILLAGE/COUNTY)** and region’s broader transportation network, building and reinforcing multiple layers of protection to prevent railway trespassing and motor vehicle crashes with trains, which include road design guidelines, infrastructure projects, public participation, and policy; and

 **WHEREAS,** key elements of the Rail S.A.F.E. system include: reframing trespasser and motor vehicle crashes involving trains as preventable; focusing on system failure; reducing the incidents of trespassing and crashes; adopting a Safe Systems approach for vehicles, bicycles, and pedestrians on railroad rights-of-way; data-driven decision-making; and viewing rail safety as a social equity issue; and

  **WHEREAS,** the **(CITY/TOWN/VILLAGE/COUNTY)** desires to utilize Rail S.A.F.E. methodologies to keep **(POPULATION)** residents, **(NUMBER OF)** daily visitors to our community safe; and

 **WHEREAS,** it is anticipated that implementation of the Rail S.A.F.E. methodologies will make the rail corridors and railroad rights-of-way in the **(MUNICIPALITY)** even safer, which will foster a more reliable, functional rail system, encouraging people to take trips by train, walking and bicycling, and public transportation; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE (GOVERNING BODY) OF THE (MUNICIPALITY/STATE),** that:

**SECTION 1:**The (governing body) hereby establishes the elimination of fatalities on railways and the reduction of serious injuries due to rail trespassing incidents as a goal of the **(MUNICIPALITY)**.

**SECTION 2:**                       The **(GOVERNING BODY)** hereby adopts Rail S.A.F.E. (Safety And Functionality for Everyone) as the policy for rail safety in the **(MUNICIPALITY)** Beach and directs near- and long-term rail safety planning to be based on Rail S.A.F.E. principles.

**SECTION 3:**                      The **(GOVERNING BODY)** directs the **(ADMINISTRATOR)** to develop a Keep It Rail S.A.F.E. Action Plan for achieving the goals of the elimination of fatalities on railways and the reduction of serious injuries due to trespassing incidents through adopting a Safe Systems approach for vehicles, bicycles and pedestrians, equitable engineering, enforcement, education, data-driven decision making, and social equity considerations in rail safety planning and implementation.

**SECTION 4:**                      This Resolution shall take effect as provided by law.