

RESOLUTION NO. 2026

COUNCIL MEMBER ----- INTRODUCED THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION:

A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE CITY OF BLAIR'S COMMITMENT TO ELIMINATING ROADWAY FATALITIES AND SERIOUS INJURIES

WHEREAS, the City of Blair recognizes that roadway fatalities and serious injuries are preventable and that a safe transportation system is essential to the health, mobility, economic vitality, and quality of life of the community; and

WHEREAS, the City is committed to improving safety for all users of the transportation system, including people walking, bicycling, driving, using mobility devices, accessing transit or school transportation, operating freight and agricultural vehicles, and responding to emergencies; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Transportation's Safe Streets and Roads for All program emphasizes the Safe System Approach, which recognizes that people make mistakes, human bodies are vulnerable, responsibility is shared, safety must be proactive, and roadway systems should be designed to prevent fatal and serious injury crashes; and

WHEREAS, the City of Blair intends to develop and implement a Comprehensive Safety Action Plan to identify roadway safety needs, prioritize improvements, and guide future transportation investments; and

WHEREAS, the Safe Streets and Roads for All program requires a clear public leadership commitment and goal for eliminating roadway fatalities and serious injuries.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Blair, Nebraska, that the City hereby adopts a public goal of eliminating roadway fatalities and serious injuries on streets and roads within the City of Blair.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City establishes a long-term target of achieving zero roadway fatalities and serious injuries by the year 2040, with an interim goal of reducing fatal and serious injury crashes by 50 percent by 2035, using available crash data, roadway risk factors, and future safety analysis to measure progress.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City will use a data-driven, community-informed approach to identify high-risk locations, corridors, intersections, and roadway user needs, and will prioritize safety improvements that reduce the likelihood and severity of crashes.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City will consider transportation safety in planning, design, construction, maintenance, operations, development review, capital improvement programming, and grant applications.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City will coordinate with local, county, regional, state, school, emergency response, public health, business, and community partners to support development and implementation of the City's Comprehensive Safety Action Plan.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that City staff are directed to incorporate this leadership commitment and safety goal into the City's SS4A Comprehensive Safety Action Plan and to report progress toward the adopted safety goals as part of future plan implementation.

COUNCIL MEMBER --- MOVED THAT THE RESOLUTION BE ADOPTED AS READ, WHICH SAID MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER --- UPON ROLL CALL, COUNCIL MEMBERS ----- VOTING "AYE" AND COUNCIL MEMBERS ---- AND VOTING 'NAY," THE MAYOR DECLARED THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 28TH DAY OF JULY 2026.

CITY OF BLAIR, NEBRASKA

BY _____
MELINDA K. RUMP, MAYOR

ATTEST:

BRENDA WHEELER, CITY CLERK

(SEAL)

STATE OF NEBRASKA)
):ss:
WASHINGTON COUNTY)

BRENDA WHEELER, hereby certifies that she is the duly appointed, qualified, and acting City Clerk of the City of Blair, Nebraska, and that the above and foregoing Resolution was passed and adopted at a regular meeting of the Mayor and City Council of said City held on the 28th day of July 2026.

BRENDA WHEELER, CITY CLERK