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**A RESOLUTION OF WELLINGTON, FLORIDA'S COUNCIL, ENCOURAGING THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF PALM BEACH COUNTY TO EVALUATE AND CONSIDER IMPLEMENTING THE WALKSAFE® (K-5) AND BIKESAFE® (6-8) EVIDENCE-BASED PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLE SAFETY CURRICULA; ENCOURAGING PUBLIC AND PRIVATE ELEMENTARY AND MIDDLE SCHOOLS TO PARTICIPATE IN NATIONAL WALK & ROLL TO SCHOOL DAY AND NATIONAL BIKE & ROLL TO SCHOOL DAY; ENCOURAGING THE USE OF AVAILABLE EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Wellington is committed to improving roadway safety, protecting the health and well-being of its residents, reducing traffic-related injuries and fatalities, and promoting safe, healthy, and active transportation options for youth and families; and

**WHEREAS**, walking, bicycling, and other forms of active transportation contribute to improved physical health, mental well-being, independence, and lifelong healthy habits for youth; and

**WHEREAS**, every student is a pedestrian at some point during the school day, whether arriving by school bus, family vehicle, bicycle, e-bicycle, scooter, or on foot, making pedestrian safety education essential for all students; and

**WHEREAS**, youth are among the most vulnerable roadway users, and improving pedestrian, bicycle, and micromobility safety requires a comprehensive approach that includes education, engineering, enforcement, encouragement, and evaluation; and

**WHEREAS**, the University of Florida, Signal4 Analytics crash reporting data reflects that between 2020 and 2024, 718 people were seriously injured and 308 people were killed in crashes involving a person walking or bicycling in Palm Beach County, demonstrating the continued need for proactive safety education in addition to engineering improvements and enforcement efforts; and

**WHEREAS**, educating children and families about safe walking, bicycling, and micromobility practices complement investments in sidewalks, bicycle facilities, crossings, traffic calming, and other safety improvements by helping residents safely use the transportation system; and

**WHEREAS**, WalkSafe® is a no-cost, evidence-based pedestrian safety curriculum for students in Kindergarten through Grade 5, and BikeSafe® is a no-cost, evidence-based bicycle safety curriculum for students in Grades 6 through 8, both developed by the University of Miami Miller School of Medicine; and

**WHEREAS**, WalkSafe® has been implemented districtwide in Miami-Dade County Public Schools and, as part of a comprehensive child pedestrian injury prevention initiative, has been associated with a seventy-eight percent (78%) reduction in child pedestrian trauma center admissions over approximately fifteen years, demonstrating the

effectiveness of evidence-based safety education when combined with engineering, enforcement, and community partnerships; and

**WHEREAS**, National Walk & Roll to School Day, held each October, and National Bike & Roll to School Day, held each May, reinforce classroom instruction, encourage healthy lifestyles, promote active transportation, increase awareness of pedestrian and bicycle safety, and strengthen partnerships among schools, families, law enforcement, and local governments; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village Council finds that providing students with age-appropriate pedestrian, bicycle, e-bicycle, and micromobility safety education is a worthwhile investment that can help prevent serious injuries and save lives; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village Council recognizes that safety education complements, but does not replace, the continued need for safe roadway design, traffic calming, sidewalks, bicycle facilities, new and improved roadway crossings, and other engineering measures to increase safety for pedestrians, bicyclists, and users of e-bicycles and other micromobility devices.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE VILLAGE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF WELLINGTON, FLORIDA:**

**Section 1.** The Village Council encourages the School District of Palm Beach County to incorporate the WalkSafe® curriculum for elementary school students (Kindergarten through Grade 5) and the BikeSafe® curriculum for middle school students (Grades 6 through 8), following the successful implementation of these programs in Miami-Dade County Public Schools.

**Section 2.** The Village Council encourages all public and private elementary and middle schools located within the Village of Wellington to support pedestrian and bicycle safety education by participating in WalkSafe®, BikeSafe®, Walk & Roll to School events, and other safety initiatives, as appropriate.

**Section 3.** The Village Council encourages all schools located within Wellington to annually participate in National Walk & Roll to School Day each October, and National Bike & Roll to School Day each May to reinforce pedestrian and bicycle safety education, promote healthy lifestyles, encourage active transportation, and engage students, families, and the community.

**Section 4.** The Village Council encourages schools to utilize the educational resources identified in Exhibit A, including supplemental e-bicycle and micromobility safety resources, and to register their Walk & Roll to School events through the National Center for Safe Routes to School.

**Section 5.** The Village Council encourages the School District of Palm Beach County, school administrators, teachers, parents, PTAs/PTOs, the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office, Palm Beach County Fire Rescue, the Florida Department of Health in Palm Beach County, the Health Care District of Palm Beach County, the Palm Beach Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), Safe Kids, healthcare providers, and other

community organizations to work collaboratively to improve youth pedestrian, bicycle, and micromobility safety.

**Section 6.** The Village Clerk shall provide copies of this Resolution and Exhibit A to:

- The Superintendent of the School District of Palm Beach County
- Members of the School Board of Palm Beach County
- Principals of all public and private schools located within the Village of Wellington
- Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office
- Palm Beach County Fire Rescue
- Palm Beach Metropolitan Planning Organization
- Florida Department of Health in Palm Beach County
- Health Care District of Palm Beach County
- Safe Kids Palm Beach County
- Such other agencies and organizations as the Village Manager deems appropriate.

**Section 7.** This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2026.

**WELLINGTON**

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Michael J. Napoleone, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Chevelle D. Hall, MMC, Village Clerk

**APPROVED AS TO FORM AND  
LEGAL SUFFICIENCY**

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Laurie Cohen, Village Attorney

## EXHIBIT A

### **WalkSafe®, BikeSafe®, and Supplemental E-Bike & Micromobility Resources**

#### Why These Programs Matter

Research demonstrates that evidence-based pedestrian and bicycle safety education can significantly reduce child injuries when combined with engineering, enforcement, and community engagement.

WalkSafe® and BikeSafe® were developed by the University of Miami Miller School of Medicine and are designed to provide age-appropriate safety instruction that helps children safely navigate their communities as pedestrians and bicyclists.

Following districtwide implementation of WalkSafe® in Miami-Dade County Public Schools as part of a comprehensive child pedestrian injury prevention initiative, child pedestrian trauma center admissions declined by approximately 78 percent over fifteen years.

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#### **WalkSafe® (Grades K–5)**

An evidence-based pedestrian safety curriculum that teaches children how to:

- Cross streets safely.
- Recognize traffic hazards.
- Understand signs and signals.
- Make safe walking decisions.
- Practice safe behaviors around school and in the community.

Website:

<https://iwalksafe.org/>

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#### **BikeSafe® (Grades 6–8)**

An evidence-based bicycle safety curriculum that teaches students:

- Proper helmet fit and use.
- Bicycle handling skills.
- Traffic laws and roadway positioning.
- Visibility and safe riding practices.
- Hazard recognition and crash avoidance.

Website:

<https://ibikesafe.org/>

## **Additional E-Bike & Micromobility Safety Resources**

- American Bicycle Education Association – Teen Ebike Course
  - League of American Bicyclists & PeopleForBikes – E-Bike Smart Guide
  - Motorcycle Safety Foundation – E-Bike Course
  - Trainees for Child Injury Prevention – E-Bike Day of Action
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## **National Walk & Roll to School Day**

Held annually each October, this event encourages students, families, and schools to safely walk, bicycle, roll, or use other forms of active transportation while promoting pedestrian safety and healthy lifestyles.

Website:

<https://www.walkbiketoschool.org/>

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## **National Bike & Roll to School Day**

Held annually each May, this event promotes bicycle safety, active transportation, and community engagement.

Future event dates and planning resources:

<https://www.walkbiketoschool.org/plan/how-to-plan/future-dates/>