RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF GLOUCESTER CITY

County of Camden, State of New Jersey
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RESOLUTION REQUESTING FEDERAL, STATE AND COUNTY ASSISTANCE SECURING A RAISED PEDESTRIAN SAFETY CROSSING OVER STATE HIGHWAY ROUTE 130 (CRESCENT BOULEVARD) TO PROTECT SCHOOL AGE CHILDREN IN THE CITY OF GLOUCESTER CITY

WHEREAS, the Gloucester City Board of Education educates approximately 2,200 students in their schools, many of whom, including almost all high school students, walk to school; and

WHEREAS, many of the students who walk to school are forced to cross Route 130, also known as Crescent Boulevard, two (2) times (both southbound and northbound) at the two intersections of Market Street and Route 130; and

WHEREAS, the intersections are under one-half (½) mile from two (2) of the District's three (3) schools; and

WHEREAS, the subject intersections are some of the most heavily travelled in Camden County, with motor vehicles routinely traveling between fifty (50) and sixty-five (65) miles per hour, and includes additional traffic due to the ingress/egress of motor vehicles into the Royal Farms Store and Gas Station location between respective intersections; and

WHEREAS, there are approximately one hundred and forty (140) students from Cold Springs Elementary School, approximately one hundred and ninety-four (194) students from Gloucester City Middle School, and approximately two hundred and five (205) students from Gloucester City Jr./Sr. High School, for an estimated total of five hundred and thirty-nine (539) students that need to traverse along this hazardous route; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Raised Pedestrian Safety Crossing would sit on land owned by the State of New Jersey, without impacting any businesses or private property; and

WHEREAS, the City is proud to support the Gloucester City Board of Education in this worthwhile safety endeavor.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Common Council of the City of Gloucester City, County of Camden, State of New Jersey as follows:

- 1. The provisions of the **WHEREAS** clauses set forth above are incorporated herein by reference and made a part hereof.
- 2. The Mayor and Common Council hereby requests the assistance of County, State and Federal government officials to secure the authorization and funding to construct a Raised Pedestrian Safety Crossing for the safety of students attending Gloucester City Schools.
- 3. The Mayor and Common Council direct that a certified copy of this Resolution be transmitted to U.S. Senator Robert Menendez, U.S. Senator Cory Booker, Congressman Donald Norcross, as well as the offices of Honorable Phil Murphy, Governor of the State of New Jersey, the Commissioner of the New Jersey Department of Transportation, Senate President Stephen M. Sweeney, Assembly Speaker Craig J. Coughlin, Majority Leader Louis D. Greenwald, State Senator Nilsa I. Cruz-Perez, Assemblyman William F. Moen, Jr., Assemblyman William W. Spearman, and the Clerk of the Camden County of Chosen Freeholders for dissemination to the Freeholder Director Cappelli and all other Freeholders.

Daniel T. Spencer Mayor

Passed by the Mayor and Common Council of the City of Gloucester this 22nd day of December, 2020.

Vanessa L. Parent, RMC