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## Dear George County Residents and Drivers,

There is a tragic statistic about driving in and through George County; per capita our auto fatality rate is higher than the State of Mississippi and the National average. We lost 45 lives on George County roadways between the years of 2016 to 2020.

In response, the George County Board of Supervisors is forming the Vision Zero Action Plan with the eventual goal of reducing serious bodily injuries and fatal auto accidents to ZERO.

At the core of George County's Vision Zero is a commitment to protect human life while acknowledging transportation-related deaths are preventable.

The Vision Zero Action Plan recognizes drivers sometimes make mistakes, so our road system and related policies should be designed to minimize the severity of those inevitable mistakes.

Vision Zero acknowledges many factors contribute to safe mobility including roadway layout, vehicle speed, driver's behaviors, technology, and weather. Therefore, design and policy should take these safety factors into real consideration.

The plan's initial goal is to drop the County's fatal auto accident rate to below the State's average within the next four (4) years. Next, based on this experience, move towards the ultimate goal of reducing auto crashes with serious injuries and deaths to ZERO.

I invite you to read and consider the County's initial plan below or on our website <a href="https://www.georgecountyms.com/newsletter">www.georgecountyms.com/newsletter</a>. This Action Plan will be further developed in 2023 and will be a regular item of discussion at the Board of Supervisor's meetings moving forward. Your insight and participation is welcomed on this critical issue.

Sincerely,

Frankie Massey

2022 Board President &

Vision Zero Action Committee Member