ORDINANCE NO. 2022-6

AN ORDINANCE OF LIBERTY COUNTY, FLORIDA THAT REPEALS ORDINANCE NO. 02-07 AND ENACTS A NEW ORDINANCE CREATING A DRIVER'S EDUCATION FUND PURSUANT TO THE "DORI SLOSBERG DRIVER EDUCATION SAFETY ACT" THAT REQUIRES THE CLERK OF COURT TO COLLECT AN ADDITIONAL \$5.00 WITH EACH CIVIL TRAFFIC PENALTY TO BE USED TO FUND DRIVER EDUCATION PROGRAMS IN PUBLIC AND NONPUBLIC SCHOOLS.

WHEREAS, in 2002, the Liberty County Board of County Commissioners adopted Ordinance No. 02-07 that created a Drivers Education Safety Trust Fund ("Trust Fund") pursuant to the "Dori Slosberg Driver Education Safety Act" that required the Clerk of Court to collect an additional \$3.00 with each civil traffic penalty to be used to fund driver education programs in public and nonpublic schools; and

WHEREAS, Florida Statute 318.1215 was amended to allow the Board of County Commissioners to increase the amount deposited into the Trust Fund from \$3.00 to \$5.00 per civil traffic penalty; and

WHEREAS, the Board finds that enhancing driver education programs in the community increases the safety of the public and it has decided to repeal Ordinance No. 02-07 and replace it with a new ordinance that increases the amount deposited into the Trust Fund from \$3.00 to \$5.00 per civil traffic penalty to better fund these programs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF LIBERTY COUNTY, FLORIDA AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. REPEAL OF ORDINANCE NO. 02-07

Ordinance No. 02-07 is hereby repealed.

SECTION 2. ADOPTION OF NEW ORDINANCE (new text bold and underlined):

1. Authority and Purpose.

This Ordinance is adopted pursuant to Florida Statute 318.1215, entitled the "Dori Slosberg Driver Education Safety Act" whose purpose is to fund driver education programs in public and nonpublic schools.

2. Creation of Trust Fund

- a. The Board hereby creates a Drivers Education Trust Fund ("Trust Fund") and requires the Clerk of Court to collect an additional \$5.00 with each civil traffic penalty, which shall be used to fund driver education programs in public and nonpublic schools.
- b. The Board shall administer the monies in the Trust Fund, which shall be used for the enhancement, and not replacement, of driver education program funds. The funds shall be used for direct educational expenses and shall not be used for administration.

c. Each driver education program receiving monies from the Trust Fund shall require that a minimum of 30 percent of a student's time in the program be behind-the-wheel training.

SECTION 3. REPEALER. That any other ordinance or provision or an ordinance in conflict with this Ordinance shall be repealed to the extent of, but only to the extent of, the explicit conflict with this Ordinance.

SECTION 4. SEVERABILITY. That in the event any part of this Ordinance is deemed to be unconstitutional or invalid for any reason, the remainder of the Ordinance shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 5. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Ordinance shall become effective as provided by law.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY LIBERTY COUNTY, FLORIDA ON THIS 6 DAY OF October, 2022.

ATTEST:

DANIEL STANLET, CLERK

Approved as to Form:

County Attorney

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF LIBERTY COUNTY, FLORIDA

HONORABLE HANNAH CAUSSEAUX

Chair, Liberty County Commission