



**RESOLUTION #14-01**  
**Pedestrian Safety**

**Date:** February 10, 2014

**Authored by:** Senator Nicholas Buford, Legislative Affairs Chairman & Sophomore Senator

**Sponsored by:** SGA Safety and Security Committee

Be it enacted by the Senate of Valdosta State University (VSU) here assembled, that:

**WHEREAS**, the VSU Student Government Association advocates in the best interests of the student body, and

**WHEREAS**, the 2013-2014 SGA strategic plan involves assuring campus safety for all VSU students, faculty, staff and visitors, and

**WHEREAS**, it is better for the University to be proactive than reactive in terms of campus safety, and

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT**, this resolution display support from Student Government Association for the University to advocate for the city and county to evaluate speed limits (35-40 miles per hour) and analyze traffic patterns surrounding campus, and

**THEREFORE, BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED THAT**, it is recommended additional signage and/or special pedestrian caution lights are added the following critical areas:

- North Campus (crossing from Valdosta Middle School to Baseball field),
- Baytree Rd & Oak St intersection (Oak Street Parking Deck/College of Education/Student Union),
- Brookwood & N Patterson intersection (Fine Arts to Oak Parking Deck),
- Brookwood & N Toombs St (Fine Arts Building),
- Brookwood & Oak intersection (Drexel Park),
- Oak & College St intersection (Palms Bus Stop/Langdale Hall/Georgia Hall), and the
- N Patterson & E College St intersection (Front Lawn), and

**THEREFORE, BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED THAT**, it is recommended that a cross walk be added to the Oak Street and Georgia Avenue intersection near the Honors House whereby honors students and students who walk to campus from the residential community can safely cross at the complex intersection, and

**THEREFORE, BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED THAT**, it is recommended that a green turning signal and/or a loud alert buzzer that is utilized for handicapped walkers is installed at the Baytree & Oak intersection for when pedestrians are not walking to ensure drivers awareness of pedestrian's right at the busiest intersection of students crossing from Oak Street Parking Deck , and

**THEREFORE, BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED THAT**, it is recommended the University and city consider implementing a school zone speed limit, installation of speed bumps on certain roads near crosswalks, , the offsetting of timers between green lights and pedestrian walking time, and the hiring of cross guards during peak periods, and

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**THEREFORE, BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED THAT**, it is recommended Valdosta State University Police Department seek assistance from city police to increase presence in areas of high volume traffic during peak hours and pedestrian walkways around campus, and

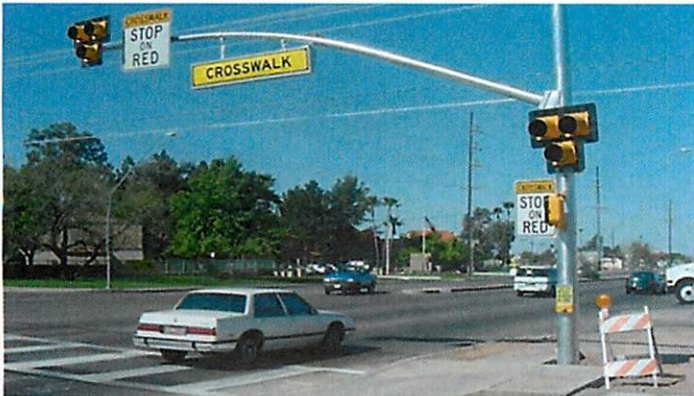
**THEREFORE, BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED THAT**, SGA supports the University taking action to educate VSU students and the community to be more aware of pedestrians surrounding our campus, and

**FINALLY, LET IT BE RESOLVED THAT** this resolution be distributed as deemed fit by the Student Government Association President upon passage.



and/or

Recommended signage in all pedestrian walkways surrounding campus.



Recommended at Oak and Baytree intersection at the dead end into the Student Union.

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