

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-1  
BIGLERVILLE BOROUGH, ADAMS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF SENATE BILL 535 AND HOUSE BILL 71 ENABLING ALL MUNICIPAL POLICE TO USE THE SAME MOTOR VEHICLE SPEED-TIMING EQUIPMENT AS THE PENNSYLVANIA STATE POLICE.

**Whereas**, public protection is a principal reason why municipalities are established and exist; and

**Whereas**, municipal police and the Pennsylvania State Police are statutorily authorized to protect the public, primarily through the enforcement of the Crimes Code and Motor Vehicle Code; and

**Whereas**, all of the tools of law enforcement available to the Pennsylvania State Police are also available to municipal police, with one notable exception, that being radar; and

**Whereas**, Pennsylvania is the only state in the United States of America that gives its municipal police a law enforcement mandate and then prohibits them from using a common and effective piece of speed-timing equipment that the Pennsylvania State Police are permitted to use; and

**Whereas**, the inability of municipal police to use radar has resulted in uneven enforcement of the maximum speed laws across Pennsylvania, as well as contributed to Pennsylvania's distinction as the state with the 3<sup>rd</sup> highest number of speeding-related fatalities and 3<sup>rd</sup> highest percentage of speeding-related fatalities tot total fatalities in the country.

**Now therefore be it resolved this 5<sup>th</sup> day of April 2016**, that the Biglerville Borough called upon the Members of the Senate and House of Representatives of the General Assembly of Pennsylvania, and specifically Senator Alloway and Representative Tallman to support Senate Bill 535 and House Bill 71 which bills would enable all municipal police to use the same motor vehicle speed-timing equipment as the Pennsylvania State Police.

2. Any ordinances or resolutions previously adopted are superseded by this ordinance.

BE IT HEREBY ENACTED AND ORDAINED THIS 5<sup>th</sup> DAY OF April 2016 by the Borough Council of Biglerville, Adams County.

BOROUGH OF BIGLERVILLE

BY: \_\_\_\_\_

Council President

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_

Secretary

BY: \_\_\_\_\_

Mayor