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BOROUGH OF PORT VUE
ALLEGHENY COUNTY**

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-13

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF SENATE BILL 1340 AND HOUSE BILL 1272
ENABLING 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, with one notable exception, that being radar.

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 3rd highest number of speed-related vehicle fatalities and the 2nd highest percentage of speed-related vehicle fatalities in the country.

Now Therefore, the Council of the Borough of Port Vue calls upon its state Senator and Representative to support Senate Bill 1340 and House Bill 1272 which would enable municipal police to use the same motor vehicle speed-timing equipment as the Pennsylvania State Police.

ATTEST:



Joan Winters
Borough Secretary

BOROUGH OF PORT VUE



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