

**RESOLUTION NO. 1688**

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF CLAIRTON, ALLEGHENY COUNTY,  
PENNSYLVANIA, EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR SENATE BILL 535 AND  
HOUSE BILL 71 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 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

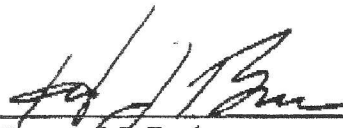
**WHEREAS**; the inability of municipal police to use radar has resulted in uneven enforcement of the maximum speed laws across Pennsylvania. As well as contributed to Pennsylvania's distinction as the State with the 3<sup>rd</sup> highest number of speed-related vehicle fatalities and the 3<sup>rd</sup>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

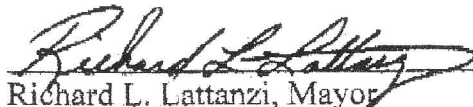
**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESLOVED** that the City Council of the City of Clairton call upon its State Representative and State Senator to support Senate Bill 535 and House Bill 71 which would enable municipal Police to use the same motor vehicle speed-timing equipment as the Pennsylvania State Police.

**RESOLVED AND ADOPTED** this 8<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2016.

**ATTEST:**

**CITY OF CLAIRTON**

  
Howard J. Bednar  
City Manager / Finance Director

  
Richard L. Lattanzi, Mayor