

RESOLUTION 575-16

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 permit 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 fatalities and the 3<sup>rd</sup> highest percentage of speeding-related fatalities to total fatalities in the country.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED this 25<sup>th</sup> day of February 2016, that the Borough Council of Palmerton, Pennsylvania, calls upon the Members of the Senate and House of Representatives of the General Assembly of Pennsylvania to act; specifically Senator Yudichak, who is already a cosponsor of Senate Bill 535, and Representative Heffley to support House Bill 71, which bills would enable all municipal police to use the same motor vehicle speed-timing equipment as the Pennsylvania State Police.


BOROUGH OF PALMERTON

ATTEST:

  
Rodger J. Danielson, Secretary

  
Terry L. Costenbader  
Council President

APPROVED this 25<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2016

  
Christopher D. Olivia, Mayor