

**RESOLUTION 1104**

**A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF SENATE BILL 1340 AND HOUSE BILL 1272  
ENABLING ALL MUNICIPAL POLICE TO USE THE SAME MOTOR VEHICLE  
SPEED-TIMING EQUIPMENT AS THE PENNSYLVANIA STATE POLICE**

**WHEREAS**, public protection is one of the 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 Pennsylvania Crimes Code and Pennsylvania 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 2<sup>nd</sup> highest percentage of speed-related vehicle fatalities in the country; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of State College call upon the Members of the Senate and House of Representatives of the General Assembly of Pennsylvania, and specifically, Senator Jake Corman, Representative Scott Conklin and Representative Kerry Benninghoff to support Senate Bill 1340 and House Bill 1272, bills that would enable all municipal police to use radar as does the Pennsylvania State Police.


RESOLVED this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of June, 2014.

ATTEST:



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BOROUGH OF STATE COLLEGE

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