

**TOWNSHIP OF WILKINS**

**RESOLUTION NO. 11-2014**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WILKINS, ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, SUPPORTING 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 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.


**NOW, THEREFORE,** the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Wilkins 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.

**RESOLVED AND ADOPTED** by the Wilkins Township Board of Commissioners at a duly assembled public meeting held this 28<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2014.

**TOWNSHIP OF WILKINS**

By:   
Sylvia J. Martinelli  
Chairwoman

**ATTEST:**

  
Rebecca Bradley  
Secretary