**SAMPLE RESOLTUON**

**A resolution supporting authorization for PA municipal police to have access to the same motor vehicle speed-timing equipment as the PA state police**

**Whereas,** public safety is one of the primary functions of municipal government; and

**Whereas,** motorists traveling at excessive speeds is a public safety concern; and

**Whereas,** driving in excess of the posted speed-limit is a violation of law; and

**Whereas**, speeding motorists on local roads is one of the most common safety concerns voiced by constituents to local elected officials; and

**Whereas**, municipal police are not authorized to use radar and LIDAR, the speed-timing tools used by the State Police including on the local roads they patrol; and

**Whereas**, Pennsylvania is the only state in the nation that prohibits municipal police from using radar and LIDAR which are considered the safest, most efficient, and most economical speed-timing devices; and

**Whereas,** the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration reported that nationally in 2015, 85% of all speeding-related traffic fatalities occurred on local roads where posted speeds are 55 miles or less per hour; and

**Whereas**, Pennsylvania has the distinction as the state with the worst record for speeding-related fatalities based upon statistics compiled by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration for 2015. Additionally, Pennsylvania had the 4th highest number of speeding-related fatalities; the 2nd highest percentage of speeding-related fatalities to total fatalities; and 2nd highest number of speeding-related fatalities on local roadways in the country; and

**Whereas,** it is a falsehood that municipalities will use these devices to generate local revenue as a municipality receives only a small portion of the base fine which does not cover the personnel costs of using these devices.

**Therefore, be it resolved**, for the reasons stated above, the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ urges the General Assembly to allow all municipal police in all municipalities to use the same speed-timing devices that are provided to the PA State Police.

**Be it further resolved,** the governing body of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ urges its citizens who support local use of radar and LIDAR to contact Representative \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and Senator \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and express support for passage of authorizing legislation.