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TOWNSHIP OF NORTH HUNTINGDON

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF NORTH HUNTINGDON, WESTMORELAND COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, SUPPORTING HOUSE BILL 606 and SENATE BILL 419

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 2018 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 one of the states with the worst record for speeding-related fatalities based upon statistics compiled by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration for 2018. Additionally, Pennsylvania had the 3rd highest number of speeding-related fatalities and the 3rd 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 North Huntingdon Township Board of Commissioners urges the General Assembly to authorize the local use of radar.

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 House Bill 606 and Senate Bill 419.