

**RESOLUTION 2014- 10**

**A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE LOCAL USE OF RADAR SPEED CONTROL EQUIPMENT  
AND ENCOURAGING THE PASSAGE OF S.B. 1340 and H.B. 1272**

**WHEREAS**, public protection is a principal reason why municipalities are established and exist;  
and

**WHEREAS**, municipal police departments and the Pennsylvania State Police are statutorily authorized to protect the public primarily through the enforcement of the Crimes Code (Title 18) and Motor Vehicle Code (Title 75); and

**WHEREAS**, all of the tools of law enforcement available to the Pennsylvania State Police are also available to municipal police departments, with one notable exception, that being the use of radar speed control equipment; and

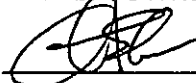
**WHEREAS**, Pennsylvania is the only state in the United States of America that gives its municipal police departments a law enforcement mandate and then prohibits them from using a common and effective piece of speed-timing equipment that the Pennsylvania State Police are permitted to use; and

**WHEREAS**, the inability of municipal police departments to use radar has resulted in uneven enforcement of the maximum speed laws across the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, as well as contributed to the Commonwealth's distinction as the state with the third highest number of speed-related vehicle fatalities and the second highest percentage of speed-related vehicle fatalities in the country.

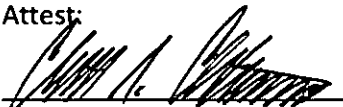
**NOW THEREFORE BE IT AND HEREBY RESOLVED** on this 5<sup>th</sup> Day of May, 2014 that the Palmer Township Board of Supervisors:

1. Supports municipal police use of radar speed control equipment to better protect and serve the public at-large.
2. Encourages passage of Senate Bill 1340 and House Bill 1272 that would enable all municipal police departments across the Commonwealth to use the same motor vehicle speed-timing equipment as the Pennsylvania State Police.

PALMER TOWNSHIP

  
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David E. Colver – Chairman,  
Board of Supervisors

Attest:

  
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Christopher S. Christman  
Township Secretary