RESOLUTION NO 2015-02

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF SENATE BILL 535 AND HOUSE BILL 71 ENABLING ALL 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 3rd highest number of speed-related vehicle fatalities and the 2nd highest percentage of speed-related vehicle fatalities in the country.

Now therefore be it resolved this 8th day of April 2015, that the Council of the Borough of Camp Hill calls upon the Members of the Senate and House of Representatives of the General Assembly of Pennsylvania, and specifically, Senator Pat Vance and Representative Glen Grell to support Senate Bill 535 and House Bill 71 which bills would enable all municipal police to use the same motor vehicle speed-timing equipment as the Pennsylvania State Police.

Attest:	By: