

**RESOLUTION # 705**  
**A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF SENATE BILL 1340 AND HOUSE BILL 1272**  
**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 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 be it resolved* this 13<sup>th</sup> day of May 2014, that the Council of the Borough of Kulpmont calls upon the Members of the Senate and house of Representatives of the General Assembly of Pennsylvania, and specifically, Senator John Gordner and Representative Kurt Masser to support Senate Bill 1340 and House Bill 1272 which bills would enable all municipal police to use the same motor vehicle speed-timing equipment as the Pennsylvania State Police.

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that within available resources the **Borough of Kulpmont** will assist all persons who feel they have been discriminated against because of race, color, religion, ancestry, sex, national origin, handicap or disability, or familial status (families with children) to seek equity under federal and state laws by filing a complaint with the Pennsylvania Human Relations Commission and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the **Borough of Kulpmont** shall publicize this Resolution and through this publicity shall cause owners of real estate, developers, and builders to become aware of their respective responsibilities and rights under the Federal Fair Housing Law, the Pennsylvania Human Relations Act, and any local laws or ordinances.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** May 13, 2014

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**BERNARD P. NOVAKOSKI**, Mayor

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**BRUNO R. VARANO**, President of Council

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**RHONDA WILK**, Secretary