

ADOPTED RESOLUTIONS

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IN SUPPORT OF THE USE OF RED LIGHT AND SPEED SAFETY CAMERAS TO REDUCE INJURIES AND FATALITIES ON OUR NATION'S ROADS

WHEREAS, According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) in 2009, more than 11,000 people were killed and hundreds of thousands injured in speed and red light running related crashes.

WHEREAS, More than 600 communities in 28 states and the District of Columbia currently utilize speed and red light safety cameras to enforce traffic laws.

WHEREAS, On average there are seven fatal crashes and more than one-thousand injury crashes everyday at signalized intersections across the U.S.

WHEREAS, According to the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety (IIHS), Red-light running is the leading cause of urban crashes and speed is a factor in about one-third of all fatal crashes.

WHEREAS, More people are injured in crashes involving red-light running than in any other crash type. Red-light running crashes are estimated to cost the public upwards of \$14 billion annually.

WHEREAS, Nearly two-thirds of the deaths and injuries from red light running related crashes where people other than the red light runner including bicyclists pedestrians and occupants of other vehicles.

WHEREAS, In a February 2011 study, IIHS estimated that red-light safety cameras saved 159 lives from 2004-2008 in 14 of the largest U.S. cities where cameras were used. Up to 815 deaths could have been prevented had cameras been used in all large U.S. cities. Additionally, red light running fatalities were reduced by 24 percent in cities where cameras were deployed.

WHEREAS, The Federal Highway Administration found that communities with red-light safety cameras see a 20-87 percent reduction in red-light running violations within 18 months of implementation.

WHEREAS, 30 percent of all traffic fatalities involve excessive speeding.

WHEREAS, NHTSA estimates that the economic cost of speed-related crashes is \$40.4 billion each year, \$76,865 per minute or \$1,281 per second.

WHEREAS, The National Research Council has recommended that all states should enact enabling legislation for automated speed enforcement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that The U.S. Conference of Mayors strongly supports the use of red light and speed safety cameras to help reduce red light running and speed related injuries and fatalities.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Conference of Mayors pledges to provide information to Mayors and legislators about the benefits of these lifesaving devices.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Conference of Mayors support safe, efficient and innovative solutions to traffic law enforcement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Conference of Mayors encourages Mayors and other elected officials to considering all options when addressing the issues of speed and red light running including engineering, education and enforcement.