

MONROE TOWNSHIP
CUMERLAND COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

RESOLUTION 2016-10

RESOLUTION calling on the state to install protection devices in grassy medians

Whereas, on February 24, 2016, 19-year-old Latiya Goff of Philadelphia tragically died when her vehicle crossed the median of Interstate 81 near mile marker 64 in East Pennsboro Township and struck a commercial vehicle head-on. Ms Goff's death is just another in an historically detailed list of motorists who have died as a result of their vehicle crossing through the unprotected grassy median of Interstate 81 and striking another vehicle; and

Whereas, in many instances, additional fatalities and serious injuries have occurred in vehicles being struck during these "cross-over" events. Every year, people living near and driving through this particular stretch of highway system see and feel the effects of unprotected medians being the pivotal factor in the severity of these crashes. Further, these events create the need to close both directions of the interstate and require time-consuming crash investigations which often result in massive traffic disturbances affecting the region for hours. These unstable traffic events then ripple outward and result in feeder and secondary routes experiencing vehicle loads which strain the capability of the transportation system for permitting personal and commercial vehicle travel and emergency vehicles to pass through the area; and

Whereas, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) has adopted standards for the implementation and consideration of barrier systems. These systems, ranging from low-cost cable barriers to higher-cost rigid barriers provide a layer of protection designed to mitigate the consequences of cross median travel by vehicles; and

Whereas, Monroe Township calls for action to be taken to immediately address the preventable loss of life. Data has shown that having unprotected grassy medians along highways places our constituents and transient motorists in unnecessary danger. Regardless of the initial causal actions of the crash, when specific, meaningful measures can be taken to drastically reduce the loss of life, it is necessary to act in the best interest of our constituents and community.

Now therefore, Monroe Township calls upon the elected officials of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to install protection devices in grassy medians to prevent these types of crashes from occurring which result in the unfortunate and unnecessary loss of many lives or the occurrence of serious injury, as well as putting an undue strain on local transportation safety professionals and transportation routes.

ADOPTED this 12th day of May, 2016, by the Monroe Township Board of Supervisors.

ATTEST:

Karen M. Gowers

MONORE TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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Chairman

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Vice Chairman

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Supervisor

CERTIFICATE

I, the undersigned, Secretary of the Township of Monroe, Cumberland County, Pennsylvania (the "Township"), certify that: the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a Resolution of the Board of Supervisors of the Township (the "Board"), which duly was enacted by affirmative vote of a majority of the members of the Board at a meeting held on May 12, 2016; said Resolution duly has been recorded in the Resolution Book of the Township; and said Resolution remains in effect, unaltered and unamended, as of the date of this Certificate.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I set my hand and affix the official seal of the Township, this 12th day of May, 2016.


Secretary/Treasurer

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