

RESOLUTION NO. 2005-166

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF
NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA, SUPPORTING THE CREATION OF A
"GREEN LIGHT FOR RED LIGHT CAMERA" ENFORCEMENT
COALITION

WHEREAS, entering an intersection after the light has turned red, or "red light running" is one of the major causes of crashes, deaths, and injuries at signalized intersections; and

WHEREAS, the monetary impact of crashes to our society is approximately \$14 billion annually; and

WHEREAS, numerous studies illustrate that the use of red light cameras to issue traffic citations reduces crashes in signalized intersections; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Highway Administration promotes red light cameras as a viable strategy to reduce red light running and the resulting loss of life or injury; and

WHEREAS, local governments are responsible for citizen safety generally, and traffic safety and enforcement specifically; and

WHEREAS, local governments should be able to protect their citizens - using technology and their home rule authority, and use red light cameras at signalized intersections to issue traffic citations; and

WHEREAS, local government efforts to install red light cameras at intersections have been stymied by legal determinations that such cameras cannot be used to issue traffic citations; and

WHEREAS, despite strong local government support, bills introduced in the legislature to authorize the use of red light cameras for traffic safety by local governments have not been enacted; and

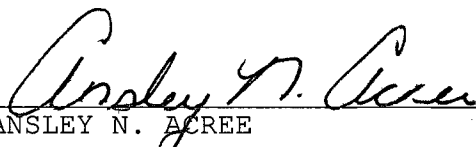
WHEREAS, as loss of life and injury are occurring each day as a result of red light running, local governments can collaborate about the urgency and importance of this issue to the State Legislature.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED this 9th day of November, 2005 that the Board of County Commissioners of Nassau County, Florida, does hereby:

1. Support the use of red light cameras at selected signalized intersections to reduce crashes that result in injury and the loss of life.
2. Urge the State Legislature to enact a law allowing local governments to protect their citizens by using red light cameras at signalized intersections to issue traffic citations and thereby encourage driving safety.
3. Recognize the value of a coalition, of county and municipal governments, to urge immediate action by the legislature to change the law, to prevent further loss of life and injury to its citizens.
4. Urge all 67 counties and 410 municipalities to join in creating a Green Light for Red Light Camera Enforcement Coalition to demonstrate local

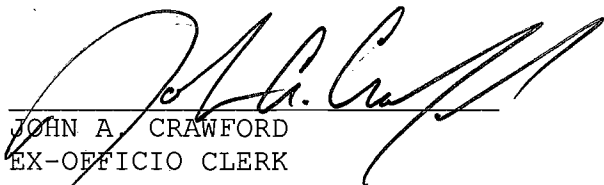
governments' strong support for the enactment of
legislation authorizing the use of red light
cameras at signalized intersections.

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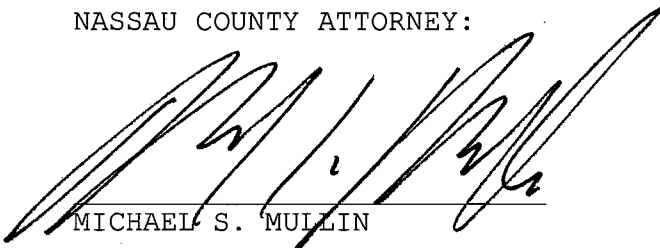
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