RESOLUTION NO. 2005- 27

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA, URGING THE 2005 FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO ADOPT LEGISLATION DURING THE SESSION WHICH AUTHORIZES LOCAL GOVERNMENTS TO USE PHOTOGRAPHIC TRAFFIC CONTROL SYSTEMS IN THE ENFORCEMENT OF RED LIGHT RUNNING VIOLATIONS.

WHEREAS, running a red light is aggressive driving behavior that can seriously injure or kill others and is not only dangerous to the driver of the car, but also endangers the life and property of other innocent individuals both drivers and pedestrians; and

WHEREAS, drivers usually increase their speed when running a red light; therefore, collisions resulting from red light running are more severe than other intersection collisions and, especially in the case of side-impact collisions, may cause severe injuries sometimes leading to death; and

WHEREAS, red light camera technology, available and in use by many local governments in other states for many years, has been shown to provide both efficient and effective punishment for violators without an invasion of privacy, as well as deterrence from future violations; and

WHEREAS, it is time for local governments in Florida to be statutorily authorized to use photographic traffic control systems in enforcement of red light running violations.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Nassau County, Florida, this 9th day of February 2005, as follows:

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The Board of County Commissioners of Nassau County urges the 2005 Florida legislature to adopt legislation during this session which authorizes local governments to use photographic traffic control systems in the enforcement of red light running violations.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA

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Its: Chairman

ATTEST JOHN A. CRAWFORD Its: Ex-Officio Clerk

Approved as to form by the Nassau County Attorney:

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