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TOWN OF WHITESTOWN, INDIANA
RESOLUTION NO. 2017-~~01~~02

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL ENCOURAGING THE INDIANA GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO ENACT LEGISLATION PROTECTING PROPERTY OF PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICIALS

WHEREAS, public safety is vital to the function of local government and the community and the Town Council for the Town of Whitestown, Indiana ("Town Council") fully supports the efforts of law enforcement as central to public safety and quality of life in our community; and

WHEREAS, recently several police squad cars of the Town of Whitestown ("Town" or "Whitestown") and a public safety officer's private home were vandalized; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council does not tolerate criminal damage to public safety property of the Town or the personal property of local law enforcement officials living in our Town, and recognizes that such damage can cause significant personal and taxpayer expense, and undermine the role of public safety officials; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council desires to protect the property interests of the Town and the personal property of local public safety officials who serve Whitestown, the surrounding community, and our State; and

WHEREAS, currently proposed legislation in the Indiana General Assembly, namely Senate Bill 10 and House Bill 1297, would increase the penalty for battery and criminal recklessness against public safety officials and their relatives; and

WHEREAS, penalties for criminal mischief related to the destruction or damage of municipal law enforcement related property and the personal property of law enforcement officials is similarly currently inadequate to discourage such acts of vandalism and protect the interests of public safety.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Council of the Town of Whitestown, Indiana, hereby urges the Indiana General Assembly to enact legislation that creates heightened criminal penalties for damage to the public safety property of a municipality, and the personal property of local law enforcement officials.

RESOLVED BY THE WHITESTOWN, INDIANA, TOWN COUNCIL THIS 8TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2017.

THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF WHITESTOWN, INDIANA	YAY/NAY
Eric Miller, President	Yes
Susan Austin, Vice-President	Yes.
Kevin Russell	YAY
Clinton Bohm	Yes
Jeffrey Wishek	YES

ATTEST:

Matthew Sumner, Clerk-Treasurer
Town of Whitestown, Indiana

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