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TOWN OF WHITESTOWN, INDIANA
RESOLUTION NO. 2017-20

A RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE INDIANA GENERAL ASSEMBLY FOR PROVIDING CERTAIN PROTECTION FOR REMOVING A DOMESTIC ANIMAL FROM A LOCKED MOTOR VEHICLE

WHEREAS, Town Council for the Town of Whitestown, Indiana ("Town Council") recognizes the need to protect animals from inhumane treatment and cruelty; and

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention report that when temperatures outside range from 80 degrees to 100 degrees, the temperature inside a car parked in direct sunlight can quickly climb to between 130 to 172 degrees; and

WHEREAS, researchers at the Stanford University School of Medicine have found that even on a relatively cool day, the temperature inside a parked car can quickly spike to life-threatening levels if the sun is out; and

WHEREAS, studies show that cracking the windows has little effect on a vehicle's internal temperature; and

WHEREAS, having no sweat glands, dogs and cats pant to lower their body temperature, and if they are inside a vehicle recycling very hot air, panting gives no relief, and heat stroke can happen quickly; and

WHEREAS, heat stroke can permanently damage a pet's health very rapidly, resulting in coma, organ dysfunction, permanent brain damage or even death; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council encourages the citizens of the Town of Whitestown, in the event they encounter an animal in a vehicle that is in distress or showing signs of heat related illness, to call the police or 911 immediately and leave your name and phone number with the person who takes the call in case the responding officers need more information and go inside any nearby business(es) and ask the manager to make an announcement that the owner needs to return to the vehicle immediately; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council supports preventing unnecessary death of animals by providing immunity from liability for property damage to a person who removes a domestic animal from a motor vehicle if the person reasonably believes that the animal is in imminent danger of suffering serious bodily harm; and

WHEREAS, for these reasons, the Town Council previously adopted Resolution No. 2017-08 entitled "A Resolution of the Town Council Encouraging the Indiana General Assembly to Enact Legislation Providing Immunity for Rescuing an Animal From a Motor Vehicle"; and

WHEREAS, the Indiana General Assembly adopted, and the Governor signed, House Enrolled Act 1085, which provides certain limited immunity and other protections for individuals who rescue animals from locked vehicles.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Council of the Town of Whitestown, Indiana, hereby commends the 120th Indiana General Assembly for its action in providing certain limited immunity to individuals for rescuing animals from motor vehicles and providing broader immunity to law enforcement officers, firefighters, government officers, and/or employees when rescuing animals from motor vehicles, through the enactment of House Enrolled Act 1085.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE WHITESTOWN, INDIANA TOWN COUNCIL THIS 10th DAY OF MAY, 2017.

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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	YAY
Jeffrey Wishek	YAY

ATTEST:

Matt Sumner, Clerk-Treasurer
Town of Whitestown, Indiana
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