

Resolution of Support for Red Light Camera Enforcement

WHEREAS, in 2018, there were 313,878 reported motor vehicle crashes on North Carolina's highways that resulted in 1,443 persons killed and 125,513 persons injured;

WHEREAS, in 2018, drivers that disregarded traffic signals accounted for 7,245 crashes, 37 persons killed and 6,310 persons injured in reported motor vehicle crashes on North Carolina's highways;

WHEREAS, nearly 93% of drivers believe running a red light is unacceptable, yet 1 in 3 drivers reported doing so in the past 30 days (1);

WHEREAS, half of the people killed by red light runners are not the signal violators – they are passengers, other motorists, pedestrians, and cyclists (1);

WHEREAS, among drivers involved in 2017 fatal red light running multiple-vehicle crashes, the red light runners were more likely to be speeding or alcohol-impaired at the time of the crash and less likely to have a valid driver's license (2);

WHEREAS, based on the research review of the safety effects of red light cameras compared to traffic signals, similar decreases in right angle crashes and fatal or injury crashes were experienced, while both countermeasures saw increases in rear end crashes (3);

WHEREAS, drivers convicted of red light running suffer higher financial consequences (due to increase in insurance premium) from an officer issued citation compared to the fines associated with running a red light camera (3);

WHEREAS, increasing North Carolina's use of automated enforcement is consistent with the mission of the Executive Committee for Highway Safety; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED that the Executive Committee for Highway Safety supports the use of Red Light Camera Enforcement in all cities in the State of North Carolina.

APPROVED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE FOR HIGHWAY SAFETY
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- (1) U.S. Department of Transportation. Federal Highway Administration. *If You Run a Red Light*. Available from <https://safety.fhwa.dot.gov/intersection/conventional/signalized/rlr/fhwasal1016/fhwaal1016.pdf>
- (2) The Insurance Institute for Highway Safety. Available from <https://www.iihs.org/topics/red-light-running>
- (3) Carter, D., Harrell, S., & Gomola Mullin, C. (2019). *Synthesis of information on red-light camera programs and effects*. Chapel Hill, NC: UNC Highway Safety Research Center

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