**RESOLUTION #2017-3.4**

**OF THE GOVERNING BODY**

**OF THE BOROUGH OF BLOOMINGDALE**

***Supporting Senate Bill S-211 and Assembly Bill A-3798 Authorizing Use of School Bus Stop Arm Cameras***

 **WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 39:4-128.1 mandates motorists stop and remain stopped when a school bus is stopped and its red lights are flashing, indicating children are loading or unloading from the school bus; and

WHEREAS, the National Association of Pupil Transportation finds the illegal passing of stopped school buses unnecessarily exposes children to the risk of injury and death; and

WHEREAS, 4,9-0 citations were issued to New Jersey drives who illegally passed school buses from 2012 to 2014 and New Jersey police officers issued more than 1,600 violation notices to drivers who failed to stop for a school bus last year; and

WHEREAS, Senate S0211 and Assembly Bill A3798 would allow school districts and local law enforcement to utilize school bus stop arm cameras as a means to deter dangerous driving and help keep children safe when loading and unloading from their school bus; and

WHEREAS, this legislation would enable law enforcement to review video evidence captured on camera to determine if a violation has occurred and be able to issue tickets to violators; and

WHEREAS, bus drivers would be able to focus on the road and the children they are transporting while operating the bus rather than monitoring the actions of reckless drivers; and

WHEREAS, the program would be funded by violators and would operate at no cost to school districts officials; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED on this 7th day of March 201,by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Bloomingdale, as follows:

1. The allegations of the preamble are incorporated herein by this reference.
2. The Governing Body strongly supports Senate Bill S-211 and Assembly Bill A-3798 that would allow school districts and local enforcement to make us of school bus stop arm cameras as a means to discourage dangerous driving and help keep children safe when loading and unloading from their school bus.
3. A copy of this resolution shall be provided to Governor Christopher J. Christie, Lieutenant Governor Kim Guadagno, Senator Gerald Cardinale; Congressman Rodney Frelinghuysen Assemblyman Robert Auth and Assemblywoman Holly Schepisi; NJ Department of Education and the Traffic Safety Coalition.

## Record of Council Vote on Passage

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| Council person | aye | nay | Abstain | Absent | Council person | aye | nay | Abstain | Absent |
| Costa | X |  |  |  | Hudson | X |  |  |  |
| D’Amato | X |  |  |  | Sondermeyer | X |  |  |  |
| Dellaripa | X |  |  |  | Yazdi | X |  |  |  |
| Mayor Dunleavy |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of a Resolution adopted by the Governing Body of the Borough of Bloomingdale at an Official Meeting held on March 7, 2017.

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Jane McCarthy, R.M.C.

Municipal Clerk, Borough of Bloomingdale