



# CITY OF CREEDMOOR

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## RESOLUTION 2021-R-08

### A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF MODIFYING NCGS §132-1.4A: LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY RECORDINGS TO ENSURE TRANSPARENCY

**WHEREAS**, NC General Statute §132-1.4A is an onerous law that does not allow local law enforcement agencies to release body camera or any other law enforcement agency recordings in a timely manner to ensure transparency to the public; and

**WHEREAS**, nationally, states are taking action to enact laws that provide for a more timely release of body camera recordings for transparency; and

**WHEREAS**, on April 21, 2021, Andrew Brown, Jr. died tragically in an officer involved shooting involving Deputies from the Pasquotank County Sherriff's Office in Elizabeth City, North Carolina; and

**WHEREAS**, the Pasquotank County Sherriff's Office desired to release body camera video to both the public and the family, as evidenced by their proactive petition; and

**WHEREAS**, the North Carolina Body Camera Law is a roadblock that prevents transparency even when that is the desire of the law enforcement agency in possession of the footage; and

**WHEREAS**, faith in the Creedmoor Police Department and other law enforcement agencies is critical to the safety, wellbeing, and trust that the citizens of Creedmoor have placed in their public officials and law enforcement agencies; and

**WHEREAS**, civil unrest that has been seen in Elizabeth City, and other communities across the United States, has resulted from a lack of trust in law enforcement that is only exacerbated by the problematic Body Camera Law in North Carolina.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF CREEDMOOR THE FOLLOWING:**

**Section 1.** The City of Creedmoor requests that the North Carolina General Assembly act in a bipartisan effort to change NCGS §132-1.4A to ensure transparency to the public.

**Section 2.** The City Clerk is directed to forward a copy of this resolution to Creedmoor's representatives in the North Carolina General Assembly, the Governor of North Carolina, the Granville County Board of Commissioners, and all other municipal governing boards in Granville County.

**Section 3.** This resolution is effective upon its adoption.

**ADOPTED** by vote of the Board of Commissioners of the City of Creedmoor this, the 18<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2021 upon motion from Commissioner Nowell.

ATTEST:

Terry A. Hobgood, Jr., City Clerk



Robert V. Wheeler, Mayor