

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-

Resolution Supporting HB 432, amending the Worker’s Compensation Act by providing for compensation for Post-Traumatic Stress Injury for First Responders

WHEREAS, All employees of the City of Bethlehem are covered under the Pennsylvania Workman’s Compensation Act for **Post-Traumatic Stress Injury (PTSI)** with the exception of Firefighters, Police, and EMS; and

WHEREAS, First Responders suffering from **PTSI** often go unreported and untreated thus leading to long term and permanent disability or in extreme cases, suicide; and

WHEREAS, Treating Bethlehem First Responders for **PTSI**, in accordance with **Pennsylvania House Bill 432** and subsequent amendments, and other injuries are treated under the Pennsylvania Workman’s Compensation Act, will help avert First Responder suicide as well as alleviate long term and permanent disabilities which add unwanted and unproductive costs to the City of Bethlehem.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, Bethlehem City Council stands with the City’s First Responders by Supporting **Pennsylvania House Bill 432** and subsequent amendments.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Bethlehem City Council expresses gratitude to our State Representative Jeanne McNeill for having become a co-sponsor of House Bill 432.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to State Senator Lisa Boscola and Representatives Jeanne McNeill, and Steve Samuelson.

Sponsored by _____

ADOPTED by Council this day of , 2020.

President of Council

ATTEST:

City Clerk