

## RESOLUTION NO 2017 - 10

### A RESOLUTION BY THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF PHOENIXVILLE, CHESTER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA IN SUPPORT OF A CITIZEN'S COMMISSION FOR LEGISLATIVE AND CONGRESSIONAL REDISTRICTING

**WHEREAS**, the citizens of the Phoenixville and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania deserve a fair, fully transparent, impartial and depoliticized process of the decennial drawing of state legislature and congressional districts of near equal population; and

**WHEREAS**, legislative and congressional redistricting has often resulted in the gerrymandering of districts to favor one political party or the other; and

**WHEREAS**, such gerrymandering of legislative and congressional districts has worked at times to the detriment of our representative democracy by impeding action on critical issues of importance to the people; and

**WHEREAS**, the creation of a truly independent citizens redistricting commission devoid of political motivation or partisanship will help to ensure a fair and accurate legislative and congressional redistricting process that respects political subdivisions, will prohibit districts from being drawn to favor or discriminate against a political party or candidate, will promote transparency, the use of impartial and sound methodology when setting district boundaries, and allow for public input, and will fully comply with the constitutional requirement that "no county, city, incorporated town, borough, township or ward" be divided "unless absolutely necessary," and

**WHEREAS**, recent legislation has been introduced in the current legislative session to amend the Pennsylvania Constitution to reform the decennial legislative and congressional redistricting process with the intent of using fairness and sound methodology in a non-partisan fashion.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Phoenixville Borough Council does hereby support legislative efforts to secure expeditious action to make a constitutional amendment that would, among other reforms, assign the decennial task of both legislative and congressional redistricting to an independent citizens redistricting commission; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that we call upon all the elected officials in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania who represent the citizens of the Borough of Phoenixville (listed below) to publicly announce their support of and commitment to work towards passage of such legislative efforts, and that a copy of this resolution be delivered to each of them.

Governor Tom Wolf  
Lieutenant Governor Mike Stack  
Attorney General Josh Shapiro  
United States Senator Bob Casey  
United States Senator Pat Toomey  
United States Representative Ryan Costello  
Pennsylvania Senator Andrew Dinniman  
Pennsylvania Representative Warren Kampf  
Pennsylvania Representative Becky Corbin  
Chester County Commissioner Kathi Cozzone  
Chester County Commissioner Terence Farrell  
Chester County Commissioner Michelle Kichline  
Phoenixville Mayor Michael J. Speck

**PASSED** by Borough Council this 13th day of June, 2017.

By:   
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James C. Kovaleski  
President, Borough Council

**ENACTED** this 13th day of June, 2017.

By:   
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E. Jean Krack, Borough Manager/Secretary

**I HEREBY CERTIFY** that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the said Resolution duly adopted at a regular meeting of Borough Council held on the 13th day of June, 2017.

By:   
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E. Jean Krack, Borough Manager/Secretary