

**BOROUGH OF BOWMANSTOWN
CARBON COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA
RESOLUTION NO. 2019-12**

(Duly Adopted August 6, 2019)

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF
BOWMANSTOWN, CARBON COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, IN SUPPORT OF FAIR
LEGISLATIVE DISTRICTS IN PENNSYLVANIA**

WHEREAS, the citizens of the Borough of Bowmanstown and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania deserve a fair, fully transparent, and impartial process for drawing state legislature and congressional districts; and

WHEREAS, legislative and congressional redistricting has at times resulted in gerrymandered districts that favor one political party over others; and

WHEREAS, such gerrymandering of legislative and congressional districts has been to the detriment of our representative democracy; and

WHEREAS, a truly independent citizens' redistricting commission would ensure a fair, transparent, and accurate legislative and congressional redistricting process that respects political subdivisions; prohibit districts from being drawn to favor or discriminate against a political party or candidate; require public input; and comply with the constitutional requirement that "no county, city, incorporated town, borough, township or ward" be divided "unless absolutely necessary," and

WHEREAS, legislation to amend the Pennsylvania Constitution is required to ensure these reforms.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Bowmanstown Borough Council hereby supports legislative efforts to amend the Pennsylvania Constitution to assign the task of both legislative and congressional redistricting to an independent citizens' redistricting commission; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we call upon all those elected officials and party leaders in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania who represent the citizens of Bowmanstown to announce their support of these legislative efforts, and that a copy of this resolution be sent to each of them: Governor Tom Wolf, State Representative Dan Meuser, Senator John Yudichak, and Representative Doyle Hefley.

**BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE
BOROUGH OF BOWMANSTOWN**

By: William Ravert
William Ravert, President

ATTEST:

Tracy L. Barbage
Tracy L. Barbage, Secretary