

RESOLUTION # 2017-12

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF A CITIZEN'S COMMISSION FOR LEGISLATIVE AND CONGRESSTIONAL REDISTRICTING:

WHEREAS, the citizens of Cambria Township and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania deserve a fair, fully transparent, impartial and depoliticized process of 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 Cambria Township Supervisors 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 those elected in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania who represent the citizens of Cambria Township to publicly announce their support of and commitment to work toward passage of such legislative efforts, and that a copy of the Resolution be delivered to each of them.

Governor Tom Wolf

Attorney General Josh Shapiro

United States Senator Bob Casey

United States Senator Pat Toomey

United States Representative Keith Rothfus

Pennsylvania Representative Frank Burns
Pennsylvania Representative Daryl Metcalfe
Pennsylvania Senator Wayne Langerholc

RESOLVED THIS (date)

20th day of December 2017

Cambria Township, Cambria County, PA
(name and location of organization)

Frank Burns
Daryl M. Metcalfe
Collet Street

ATTEST:



Swain M.

By: Signature of President/Chairman of organization

Frank Burns

By: Signature of Secretary of Organization