

RESOLUTION NO. 10-17-C

**A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF IMPROVED LEGISLATIVE AND CONGRESSIONAL REDISTRICTING IN CHESTER HEIGHTS BOROUGH**

Whereas, the citizens of the Borough of Chester Heights 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, at times, state legislative and congressional redistricting has resulted in gerrymandered districts which favor a political party over others; and

Whereas, process devoid of political motivation or partisanship will help achieve the following goals (the "Goals"):

- Ensure a fair, accurate and transparent state legislative and congressional redistricting process that respects political subdivision and communities of interest;
- Prohibit districts from being drawn to favor or discriminate against a political party or any candidates;
- Ensure the use of impartial and sound methodology and public input when setting district boundaries; and
- Fully comply with the constitutional requirement that "no county, city, incorporated town, borough, township or ward" be divided "unless absolutely necessary."

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Borough of Chester Heights does hereby support legislative efforts to secure expeditious action to either amend the Pennsylvania constitution to assign the decennial task of state legislative and congressional redistricting to an independent citizens redistricting commission or institute legislation designed to achieve the aforementioned Goals.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be delivered to the Pennsylvania Senate and House of Representatives.

RESOLVED this 6<sup>th</sup> day of Nov., 2017

Borough of Chester Heights

Susan H Clarke

By: Susan H. Clarke, President

Susan Timmins (SEAL)

Attest: Susan Timmins, Borough Secretary