

CLIFFORD TOWNSHIP  
SUSQUEHANNA COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA  
FAIR DISTRICTS RESOLUTION

**RESOLUTION:** The Township of Clifford, Susquehanna County, seeks to support legislation that will require a more bi partisan and transparent composition of congressional districts to ensure fairness in our political system and a more equitable representation of the citizens of Clifford, Township, Susquehanna County and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania as a whole.

**WHEREFORE:** The Board of Supervisors hereby adopts and enacts the attached resolution supporting bi partisan legislation to create a commission to ensure that these goals are carried out in redistricting in the future.

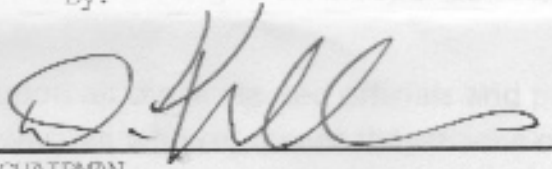
**AND NOW THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY FURTHER RESOLVED,** by the Board of Supervisors that the aforementioned Policy shall be hereby established and be enacted until such time as it is dissolved or otherwise altered by further resolution of this Board, as follows:

DULY ENACTED AND ORDAINED this 8<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2017,


by the Board of Supervisors in lawful session duly assembled.

TOWNSHIP OF CLIFFORD

By:

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
CHAIRMAN

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
SUPERVISOR

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
SUPERVISOR)



## A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF A CITIZENS COMMISSION FOR LEGISLATIVE AND CONGRESSIONAL REDISTRICTING

WHEREAS, the citizens of the township of Clifford 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 at times resulted in gerrymandered districts that favor one political party over others; and

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

WHEREAS, the creation of a truly independent citizens redistricting commission devoid of political motivation or partisanship will: 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 the use of impartial and sound methodology when setting district boundaries; require public input; and fully 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 to reform the decennial legislative and congressional redistricting process with the intent of using fairness and sound methodology in a non-partisan fashion is required to ensure these reforms.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Clifford Council does hereby support legislative efforts to amend the Pennsylvania Constitution to 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 officials and party leaders in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania who represent the citizens of the township of Clifford (see list 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

Secretary of State Pedro A. Cortés

United States Senator Bob Casey

United States Senator Pat Toomey

United States Representative Tom Marino

Pennsylvania Senator Lisa Baker

Pennsylvania Representative Jonathen Fritz

County Commissioner Alan M. Hall

County Commissioner Elizabeth M. Arnold

County Commissioner Mary Ann Warren

Chairman, Democratic Party of Pennsylvania, Marcel Groen

Chairman, Republican Party of Pennsylvania, Val DiGiorgio

Chairman, Pennsylvania State Bar Association

AND NOW THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY FURTHER RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF PENNSYLVANIA, THAT THE aforementioned policy shall be hereby established and be enacted until such time as it is amended or otherwise altered by further resolution of this Senate, as follows:

ADOPTED AND PASSED this 1st day of August, 2011.

By the Senate of Supervisors in lawful session duly assembled.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED

