

COLLEGE TOWNSHIP
CENTRE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

RESOLUTION R-18-05

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

WHEREAS, the Pennsylvania Constitution provides that the General Assembly has the responsibility for approval of the legislative and congressional district maps; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of the Township of College 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 in 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 Council of College Township, Township of College, County of Centre, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, does hereby support legislative efforts to amend the Pennsylvania Constitution to assign the decennial task of both legislative and congressional redistricting to an independent citizen redistricting commission; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council of College Township calls upon all those elected officials in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania who represent the citizens of the Township of College (see list) to publicly announce their support of, and commitment to, working towards passage of such legislative efforts, and that a copy of this resolution be delivered to each of them.

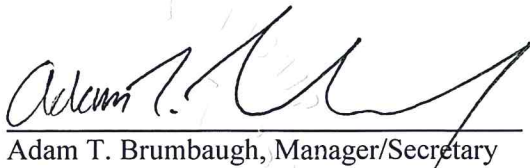
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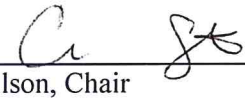
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THIS RESOLUTION DULY APPROVED this 15th day of February, 2018, by the College Township Council, Centre County, Pennsylvania.

COLLEGE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL:

ATTEST:


Adam T. Brumbaugh, Manager/Secretary


Carla Stilson, Chair