

CRAWFORD TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS

RESOLUTION # 234

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF CRAWFORD TOWNSHIP, CLINTON COUNTY, PA IN SUPPORT OF A CITIZENS COMMISSION FOR LEGISLATIVE AND CONGRESSIONAL REDISTRICTING.

WHEREAS, the citizens of the Township of Crawford and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, deserve a fair, fully transparent, impartial and depoliticized process for the decennial task of drawing state legislative and congressional districts of near equal population; and

WHEREAS, legislative and congressional redistricting has often resulted in the 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 Board of Supervisors of Crawford Township 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 official and party leaders in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania who represent the citizens of the Township of Crawford 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.

ADOPTED THIS 5th DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2017.

Attest:

Karen A. Welshans
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Secretary

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Signatures:

Robert H. Mundrick
Robert Mundrick, Chairman

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