

**DALLAS TOWNSHIP
Luzerne County, PA**

RESOLUTION #2017-16

WHEREAS, the citizens of Dallas Township and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania deserve a fair, fully transparent, impartial, and depoliticized process for the decennial drawing of State legislative and United States congressional districts of near equal population; and

WHEREAS, legislative redistricting and congressional reapportionment have 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 redistricting and congressional reapportionment process that respects political subdivisions and communities of interest, 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, 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 redistricting process with the intent of using fairness and sound methodology in a non-partisan fashion.

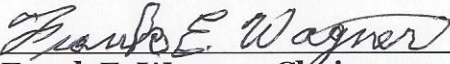
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Dallas Township Board of Supervisors does hereby support Senate Bill 22 and House Bill 722 in legislative efforts to secure expeditious action toward a Constitutional amendment that would, among other reforms, assign the decennial task of both legislative redistricting and congressional reapportionment to an independent citizens' redistricting commission.


BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution will be sent to all members of the Pennsylvania Senate and House of Representatives.

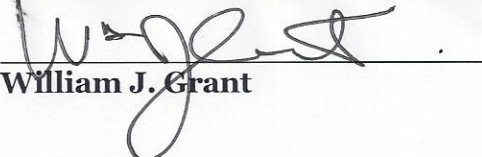
ENACTED THIS 5TH DAY OF JULY, 2017

ATTEST: 
Nancy Y. Balutis, Secretary-Treasurer

**Township of Dallas
Luzerne County, PA
Board of Supervisors**


Frank E. Wagner, Chairman


Elizabeth A. Martin, Vice Chairman


William J. Grant

