

Borough of Dickson City

Resolution No: R- 3 -2018

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH DICKSON CITY,  
LACKAWANNA COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, IN SUPPORT OF A CITIZENS  
COMMISSION FOR LEGISLATIVE AND CONGRESSIONAL REDISTRICTING

WHEREAS, the citizens of the Borough of Dickson City 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 Dickson City Borough 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 Borough of Dickson City (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. Cortes  
United States Senator Bob Casey  
United States Senator Pat Toomey  
United States Representative  
Pennsylvania Senator John Blake  
Pennsylvania Representative Sid Michael Kavulich  
Patrick M. O'Malley County Commissioner  
Jerry Notarianni County Commissioner  
Laureen Cummings County Commissioner  
Mayor Robert MacCallum  
Chairman, Democratic Party of Pennsylvania, Marcel Groen  
Chairman, Republican Party of Pennsylvania, Val DiGiorgio

DULY RESOLVED AND ADOPTED, this 13th day of February, 2018, by the Council of the Borough of Dickson City, Lackawanna County, Pennsylvania, in lawful session duly assembled.

ATTEST:

By: Donna Sosik  
Donna Sosik, Secretary

BOROUGH OF DICKSON CITY

By: Jeffrey R. Kovalski  
Jeffrey R. Kovalski, President of Council

Approved this 13th day of February, 2018

Robert W. MacCallum  
Robert MacCallum, Mayor