

RESOLUTION No. 12 - 18

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

*WHEREAS*, the citizens of the Borough of East Lansdowne, and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, deserve a fair, fully transparent, impartial and depoliticized process of the decennial drawing of state legislative 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 help to 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.

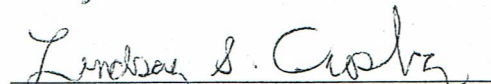
*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED* that the Borough of East Lansdowne does hereby support legislative efforts to amend the Pennsylvania Constitution to assign the decennial task of both legislative and congressional redistricting to an independent citizens redistricting commission; and

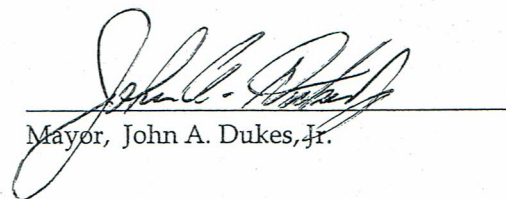
*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED* that we call upon all those elected officials and party leaders in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania who represent the citizens of the Borough of East Lansdowne to publicly announce their support of and commitment to work towards passage of such legislative efforts, and that a copy of this resolution be delivered to Governor Tom Wolf (et al).

ADOPTED THIS 4<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF JUNE, 2018

ATTEST:

  
Borough Secretary

  
President of Council, Lindsay Crosby

  
Mayor, John A. Dukes, Jr.