

**FALLS TOWNSHIP**  
**RESOLUTION NO. 2017-18**

**A RESOLUTION OF FALLS TOWNSHIP,  
COUNTY OF BUCKS, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA,  
IN SUPPORT OF A CITIZEN’S COMMISSION FOR LEGISLATIVE AND  
CONGRESSIONAL REDISTRICTING**

**WHEREAS**, the citizens of the Township of Falls 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 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 and congressional redistricting process that respects political subdivisions, 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, and 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 legislative and congressional redistricting process with the intent of using fairness and sound methodology in a non-partisan fashion.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Supervisors of Falls Township does hereby support legislative efforts to secure expeditious action to make a constitutional amendment that would, among other reforms, 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 in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania who represent the citizens of Falls Township (see list) 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
- United States Senator Bob Casey
- United States Senator Pat Toomey
- United States Representative Brian Fitzpatrick
- Pennsylvania Senator Charles McIlhinney
- Pennsylvania Representative John Galloway
- Charles H. Martin, County Commissioner
- Robert G. Loughery, County Commissioner
- Diane M. Ellis-Marseglia, LCSW, Commissioner

I HEREBY CERTIFY that this Resolution was adopted by Falls Township at its public meeting held on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2017.

ATTEST:



Jeffrey Rocco

Township Secretary

FALLS TOWNSHIP



Robert J. Harvie, Jr., Chairman

Board of Supervisors