

RESOLUTION 2017-25

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FERGUSON, CENTRE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, SUPPORTING A CITIZEN'S COMMISSION FOR LEGISLATIVE AND CONGRESSIONAL REDISTRICTING.

WHEREAS, the citizens of Ferguson Township of Centre County, 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; prohibits districts from being drawn to favor or discriminate against a political party or candidate; requires the use of impartial and sound methodology when setting district boundaries; requires public input; and fully complies 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 nonpartisan fashion is required to achieve these reforms.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of Ferguson Township, Centre County, Pennsylvania 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 the Board of Supervisors calls upon all those elected officials in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania who represent the citizens of Ferguson Township to publicly announce their support of and commitment to work towards passage of such legislative efforts, and that a copy of this resolution shall be delivered to each of them.

RESOLVED this 20th day of November 2017.

TOWNSHIP OF FERGUSON

By: 
Steve Miller, Chairman
Board of Supervisors

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ATTEST:

By: 
David G. Pribulka, Secretary