

**FORKS TOWNSHIP  
NORTHAMPTON COUNTY  
Resolution 2019-05-16**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FORKS, COUNTY OF NORTHAMPTON,  
COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, IN SUPPORT OF A CITIZENS  
COMMISSION FOR LEGISLATIVE AND CONGRESSIONAL REDISTRICTING.**

**WHEREAS**, the citizens of Forks Township, Northampton County and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, deserve a fair, fully transparent, and impartial process of the decennial drawing of state legislature and congressional districts of near equal population; and

**WHEREAS**, legislative and congressional redistricting has a 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 Forks Township Board of Supervisors 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 Forks Township, Northampton County, 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 John Fetterman  
Attorney General Josh Shapiro  
Acting Secretary of State Kathy Boockvar  
United States Senator Bob Casey  
United States Senator Pat Toomey  
United States Representative Susan Wild  
Pennsylvania Senator Mario Scavello  
Pennsylvania Representative Joe Emrick  
President, Northampton County Council, Ronald R. Heckman  
District 2, Northampton County Council Member, Robert F. Werner  
Northampton County, County Executive, Lamont McClure

**IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF**, the undersigned Township has caused this Resolution to be signed by a duly authorized officer and its corporate seal, duly attested by the Board Secretary, to be hereunto affixed this 16<sup>th</sup> day of May 2019.

**FORKS TOWNSHIP,  
NORTHAMPTON COUNTY, PA**

**ATTEST:**

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**Secretary**

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**Chairman**