

**HANOVER TOWNSHIP
NORTHAMPTON COUNTY**

Resolution 2018 - 13

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF AN INCLUSIVE COMMISSION FOR LEGISLATIVE AND CONGRESSIONAL REDISTRICTING

WHEREAS, the citizens of Hanover Township of 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 at times resulted in gerrymandered districts that favor one political party over others; and

WHEREAS, such gerrymandering of legislative and congressional districts may have worked at times to the detriment of our representative democracy; and

WHEREAS, the creation of a truly independent, inclusive 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 Hanover 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 a non-partisan independent redistricting commission; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we call upon all those elected officials and leaders in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania who represent the citizens of Hanover Township of 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.

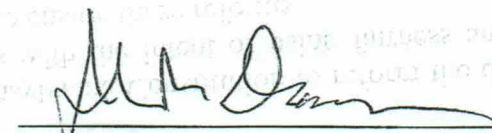
RESOLVED AND ENACTED this 24th day of July 2018.

**Hanover Township,
Northampton County**

ATTEST:



**Elizabeth D. Ritter, Secretary
Board of Supervisors**



**John N. Diacogiannis, Chairman
Board of Supervisors**