

**RESOLUTION #7-2018**  
**BOROUGH OF HEIDELBERG**  
**ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF HEIDELBERG, ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA IN SUPPORT OF A CITIZENS COMMISSION FOR LEGISLATIVE REDISTRICTING AND CONGRESSIONAL REAPPORTIONMENT.**

**WHEREAS**, the citizens of Heidelberg Borough, and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, deserve a fair, fully transparent, impartial and depoliticized process for the decennial drawing of state legislative and congressional districts of near equal population; and

**WHEREAS**, legislative redistricting and congressional reapportionment has often resulted in the gerrymandering of district 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 issued 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 redistricting and congressional reapportionment process that respects political subdivisions and communities of interest, 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 redistricting process with the intent of using fairness and sound methodology in a non-partisan fashion.

**NOW, THEREOFRE, BE IT REOSOLVED** that the Heidelberg Borough Council and Mayor do hereby support legislative efforts to secure expeditious action of a constitutional amendment that would among other reforms, assign the decennial task of both legislative redistricting and congressional reapportionment to an independent citizen redistricting commission; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a copy of this resolution be transmitted to all Members of the Pennsylvania Senate and House of Representatives.

**Resolved and enacted this 20<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2018**

ATTEST:



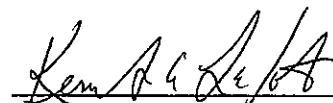
Janice C. Adamski, Interim Borough Manager  
BOROUGH OF HEIDELBERG

BOROUGH OF HEIDELBERG:



Sharon Wicobroda, President  
HEIDELBERG BOROUGH COUNCIL

EXAMINED and APPROVED by me this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of February, 2018.



Kenneth A. LaSota, Mayor  
BOROUGH OF HEIDELBERG