

RESOLUTION NO. 2917-R13

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF A CITIZENS' COMMISSION FOR LEGISLATIVE  
AND CONGRESSIONAL REDISTRICTING

**WHEREAS**, the citizens of the Borough of Indiana and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania deserve a fair, fully transparent, impartial and depoliticized process in 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; 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 Indiana Borough Council does hereby support legislative efforts to amend the Pennsylvania Constitution to assign the decennial task of both legislative and congressional redistricting to an independent citizen 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 the Borough of Indiana 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:

This Resolution adopted this 3rd day of Oct. 2017, by a vote of Council of 8 in the Affirmative and 2 in the Negative and 2 Absent.

ATTEST:

BOROUGH OF INDIANA

  
Bradley Gotshall, Manager/Secretary

By:   
Peter G. Broad, Council President