

LEHMAN TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

RESOLUTION NO. 02192018

**[IN SUPPORT OF A CITIZENS COMMISSION FOR
LEGISLATIVE AND CONGRESSIONAL REDISTRICTING]**

WHEREAS, the citizens of the Township of Lehman and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania deserve a fair, fully transparent, impartial and depoliticized process of the decennial drawing of state legislative 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 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 ensure these reforms;

NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby **RESOLVED** by the Lehman Township Board of Supervisors that the 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,

IT IS FURTHER HEREBY RESOLVED that the Lehman Township Board of Supervisors calls upon all those elected officials and party leaders in the

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania who represent the citizens of the Township of Lehman (see list below) 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 Mike Stack

Attorney General Josh Shapiro

Acting Secretary of State Robert Torres

United States Senator Bob Casey

United States Senator Pat Toomey

United States Representative Lou Barletta

Pennsylvania Senator Lisa Baker

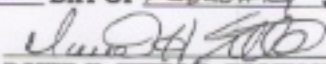
Pennsylvania Representative Karen Boback

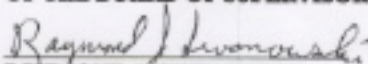
Luzerne County Council Members

Chairperson, Democratic Party of Pennsylvania, Marcel Groen

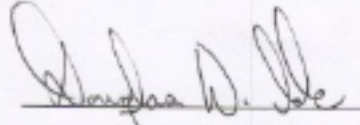
Chairperson, Republican Party of Pennsylvania, Val DiGiorgio

**ADOPTED BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE LEHMAN TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, THIS 19TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2018.**


**DAVID H. SUTTON, CHAIRMAN
OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

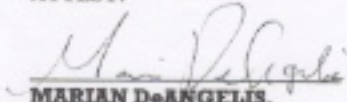

**RAYMOND J. IWANOWSKI,
VICE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD
OF SUPERVISORS**

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**DOUGLAS W. IDE, SUPERVISOR
AND ROADMASTER**

ATTEST:



**MARIAN DeANGELIS,
TOWNSHIP SECRETARY**