

LOWER FRANKFORD TOWNSHIP
CUMBERLAND COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

Resolution FDPA-18-03

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF LOWER FRANKFORD TOWNSHIP, A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF AN INDEPENDENT CITIZEN'S COMMISSION FOR LEGISLATIVE AND CONGRESSIONAL REDISTRICTING.

WHEREAS, the citizens of Lower Frankford Township and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania deserve a fair, fully transparent, impartial and depoliticized process for the decennial task of drawing legislative and congressional districts of near equal population; and

WHEREAS, legislative and congressional redistricting has often resulted in the gerrymandering of districts so as to favor one political party or candidate over another; and

WHEREAS, such gerrymandering of legislative and congressional districts has worked at times to the detriment of our democracy by discouraging competition in elections and by impeding action on critical issues of importance to the people; and

WHEREAS, the creation of a truly independent citizens redistricting commission will help to implement a fair and accurate redistricting process that respects communities of interest by prohibiting the drawing of legislative districts for the purpose of favoring or discriminating against any one political party or candidate and by promoting transparency and the use of impartial and sound methodology when setting district boundaries so that compliance with the requirement of the Pennsylvania Constitution that "no county, city, incorporated town, borough, township or ward be divided unless absolutely necessary" will be assured; and

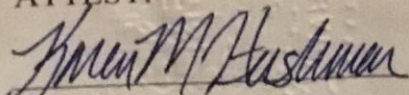
WHEREAS, legislation has been introduced in both the Pennsylvania House and Senate to amend the Pennsylvania Constitution to reform the current redistricting process by the establishment of an independent citizens redistricting commission.

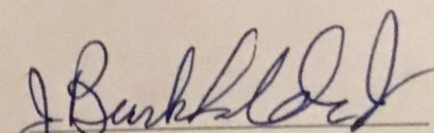
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Lower Frankford Township does hereby support legislative efforts to secure the passage of an amendment to the Pennsylvania Constitution that would assign the decennial task of legislative redistricting to an independent citizens' commission; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the State Representative and State Senator representing Lower Frankford Township.

ADOPTED, this 6th day of February, 2018.

ATTEST:


Secretary


Chairman

