

**LOWER FREDERICK TOWNSHIP  
MONTGOMERY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**

**RESOLUTION 2018-25**

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

WHEREAS, the citizens of Lower Frederick Township and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania deserve a fair, fully transparent, impartial and de-politicized process of the decennial drawing of state legislature and congressional districts of near equal population; and

WHEREAS, legislative and congressional redistricting often has resulted in the gerrymandering of districts 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 issues 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 and congressional redistricting process that respects political subdivisions, 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 legislative and congressional redistricting process with the intent of using fairness and sound methodology in a non-partisan fashion.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Lower Frederick Township does hereby support legislative efforts to secure expeditious action to make a constitutional amendment that would, among other reforms, assign the decennial task of both legislative and congressional redistricting to an independent citizens redistricting commission; and

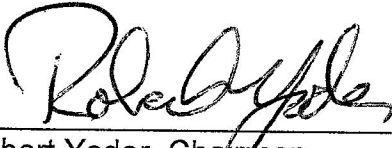
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we call upon all those elected officials in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania who represent the citizens of Lower Frederick Township to publicly announce their support of and commitment to work toward the

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  
United States Senator Robert "Bob" Casey, Jr.  
United States Senator Patrick "Pat" Toomey  
United States Representative ~~Ryan Costello~~ Brian Fitzpatrick  
Pennsylvania Senator Bob Mensch  
Pennsylvania Representative ~~Mary Jo Toepel~~  
Dr. Valerie Arkoosh, Chair, Montgomery County Commissioners  
Kenneth E. Lawrence, Vice Chair, Montgomery County Commissioners  
Joseph C. Gale, Montgomery County Commissioner  
Acting Secretary Robert Torres

SO RESOLVED this 6<sup>th</sup> day of FEBRUARY,  
2018.

LOWER FREDERICK TOWNSHIP  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

  
Robert Yoder, Chairman

  
Terry Sacks, Vice Chairman

  
Marla Hexter, Supervisor

ATTEST:

  
Kevin R. Tobias, Township Manager