

**THE BOROUGH OF MACUNGIE  
RESOLUTION NO. 2018-11**

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

**WHEREAS**, the citizens of Macungie Borough of Lehigh County and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania deserve a fair, fully transparent, impartial and depoliticized process of 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 Macungie 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 citizens redistricting commission; and


**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that we call upon all those elected officials and party leaders in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania who represent the citizens of Macungie of Lehigh County to publicly announce their support of and commitment to work towards passage of such legislative effort.


**RESOLVED**, at a duly convened meeting of the Macungie Borough Council conducted on

this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of May, A.D., 2018.

ATTEST:

BOROUGH OF MACUNGIE

  
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Chris L. Boehm  
Borough Manager

  
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Christopher T. Becker  
Council President

This RESOLUTION is APPROVED this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of May, 2018.