

**A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF FAIR LEGISLATIVE DISTRICTS IN PENNSYLVANIA**

**RESOLUTION 2019-20**

WHEREAS, the citizens of Mahoning Township and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania deserve a fair, fully transparent, and impartial process for drawing state legislative and congressional district; 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 been to the detriment of our representative democracy; and

WHEREAS, a truly independent citizens' redistricting commission would 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 public input; and comply with constitutional requirement that "no county", city, incorporated town, borough, township or ward" be divided "unless absolutely necessary," and

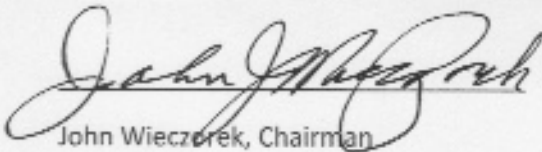
WHEREAS, legislation to amend the Pennsylvania Constitution is required to ensure these reforms.

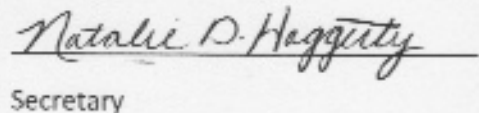
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Supervisors of Mahoning Township hereby support legislative efforts to amend the Pennsylvania Constitution to assign the task of both legislative and congressional redistricting to an independent citizen's redistrict commission; and

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 Mahoning Township to announce their support of these legislative efforts, and that a copy of this resolution be sent to each of them.

MAHONING TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

ATTEST:

  
John Wiczorek, Chairman

  
Secretary