

RESOLUTION #17-15R

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MIDDLETOWN, COUNTY OF BUCKS, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA IN SUPPORT OF A CITIZEN'S COMMISSION FOR LEGISLATIVE AND CONGRESSIONAL REDISTRICTING

WHEREAS, the citizens of the Township of Middletown 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, historically legislative and congressional redistricting has often 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."

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Middletown Township Board of Supervisors does hereby support legislative efforts to secure expeditious action that would assign the decennial task of both legislative and congressional redistricting to an independent, non-partisan 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 the Township of Middletown (see list) 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
United States Senator Bob Casey
United States Senator Pat Toomey
United States Representative Brian Fitzpatrick
Pennsylvania Senator Tommy Tomlinson
Pennsylvania Representative Frank Farry
Pennsylvania Representative Tina Davis
Pennsylvania Representative John Gallaway
Robert Loughery, County Commissioner
Charles Martin, County Commissioner
Diane Marseglia County Commissioner

RESOLVED this 3rd day of April, 2017.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
TOWNSHIP OF MIDDLETOWN

ATTEST:

H. George Leaman
Secretary

[Signature]
Chairperson

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of Res. #17-15R, enacted by the Board of Supervisors, Township of Middletown, County of Bucks on the 3rd day of April, 2017.

H. George Leaman
Secretary