

MONTGOMERY TOWNSHIP

RESOLUTION NO. 1

**A Resolution Stating Montgomery Township's Support of
Nonpartisan Redistricting Efforts for Legislative and
Congressional Offices**

WHEREAS, Montgomery Township, Montgomery County, PA seeks an equitable, transparent, and impartial process for the decennial drawing of state legislative and congressional districts; and

WHEREAS, at times Pennsylvania's legislative and congressional redistricting has resulted in gerrymandering of districts to favor one political party; and


WHEREAS, Montgomery Township acknowledges that the United States Supreme Court's impending decision in Gill v. Whitford may provide further guidance and perhaps controlling guidance to state redistricting efforts; and

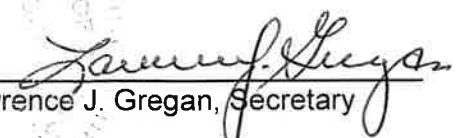
WHEREAS, in the absence of controlling guidance by the United States Supreme Court, Montgomery Township supports the creation of an independent citizen's panel, working within the bounds of the Pennsylvania state constitution, to determine the drawing of decennial state legislative and congressional districts that is free of political partisanship and does not assign representation based on party affiliation; and

WHEREAS, state and congressional legislative districts should be drawn in a manner that fully complies with all federal laws and regulations, avoids unnecessarily dividing municipalities into multiple districts whenever possible, assures that districts are as compactly formed as possible to assure convenience of travel and communications, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Montgomery Township Board of Supervisors does hereby support nonpartisan efforts to remove partisan politics from the decennial drawing of state legislative and congressional districts.

RESOLVED AND ADOPTED on this 26th day of March, 2018.




Lawrence J. Gegan, Secretary

MONTGOMERY TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS


Candyce Fluehr Chimera, Chairman