

**RESOLUTION 2018-01**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE NEWVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL, CUMBERLAND COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA IN SUPPORT OF AN INDEPENDENT CITIZENS' COMMISSION FOR LEGISLATIVE and CONGRESSIONAL REDISTRICTING.**

**WHEREAS**, legislative and congressional redistricting has in the past resulted in gerrymandering of districts to provide political advantage of one party over another; and

**WHEREAS**, gerrymandering of legislative and congressional districts has been detrimental to an open democracy, and has served to discourage competitions in elections that otherwise should be fair, impartial and open to all political parties; and

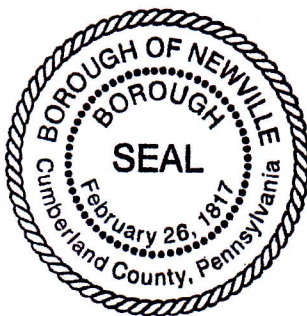
**WHEREAS**, free and open elections should be the cornerstone of our republic; they must be valued and preserved; and

**WHEREAS**, the creation of an independent citizens redistricting commission will help to implement a fair and accurate redistricting process that respects communities of interest by prohibiting the establishment of legislative districts for the purpose of providing favor or advantage to any one political party or candidate, by promoting transparency and the use of impartial methodology to create district boundaries.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED AND IT IS HEREBY ADOPTED** that the Newville Borough Council does hereby support legislative efforts to secure the passage of an amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania that would assign the decennial task of legislative redistricting to an independent citizens' commission.


**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Newville Borough Council does hereby direct the Borough Secretary to forward copies of this Resolution to Representative Stephen Bloom and Senator John Eichelberger, along with a letter urging their support.

Adopted a duly held public meeting of the Newville Borough Council this 30<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2018



BOROUGH OF NEWVILLE

By:

  
RUSSELL L. GOULD, President  
Newville Borough Council

Attest:



FRED A. POTZER, Borough Secretary



February 1, 2018

Honorable Representative Stephen Bloom  
1227 Ritner Highway  
Carlisle, PA 17013

Dear Representative Bloom:

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Please find enclosed a copy of the adopted Resolution. The Newville Borough Council respectfully requests your support of this Resolution.

Thank you for your consideration.

BOROUGH OF NEWVILLE  
Sincerely yours,

FRED A. POTZER  
Borough Manager/Secretary



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309 Allegheny Street, #1  
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