

**TOWNSHIP OF O'HARA
ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF O'HARA SUPPORTING A CITIZENS
COMMISSION FOR LEGISLATIVE AND CONGRESSIONAL REDISTRICTING**

WHEREAS, the citizens of the Township of O'Hara 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 another; 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

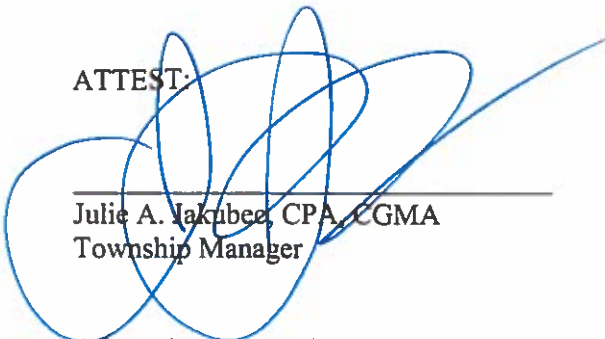
WHEREAS, legislation to amend the Pennsylvania Constitution to reform the decennial legislative and congressional redistricting process with the intent of using fairness and sound methodology in a non-partisan fashion is required to ensure these reforms.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of O'Hara 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 the Township of O'Hara 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.

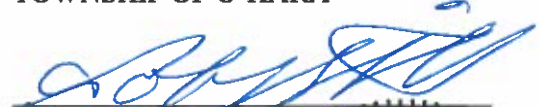
RESOLVED, by Council vote of 7 to 0 this 15th day of October, 2019.

ATTEST:



Julie A. Jakubec, CPA, CGMA
Township Manager

TOWNSHIP OF O'HARA



Robert John Smith
President of Council



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cc: Governor Tom Wolf
Lieutenant Governor John Fetterman
Acting Secretary of Commonwealth Kathy Boockvar
United States Senator Robert P. Casey, Jr.
United States Senator Patrick J. Toomey, Jr.
United States Representative Conor J. Lamb
Pennsylvania Senator Lindsey M. Williams
Pennsylvania Representative Anthony M. DeLuca
Pennsylvania Representative Sara Innamorato
Pennsylvania Representative Lori A. Mizgorski
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