

RESOLUTION 621-19

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF FAIR LEGISLATIVE DISTRICTS IN PENNSYLVANIA

WHEREAS, the citizens of the Borough of Palmerton and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania deserve a fair, fully transparent, and impartial process for drawing state legislature and congressional districts; 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 the constitutional requirement that "no county, city, incorporated town, borough, township or ward" be divided" unless absolutely necessary," and

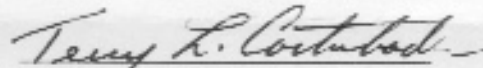
WHEREAS, legislation to amend the Pennsylvania Constitution is required to ensure these reforms.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Palmerton borough Council hereby supports legislative efforts to amend the Pennsylvania Constitution to assign the 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 Palmerton to announce their support of these legislative efforts, and that a copy of this resolution be sent to each of them.

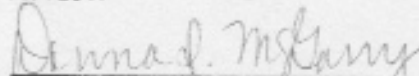
ADOPTED this 22nd day of August, 2019.

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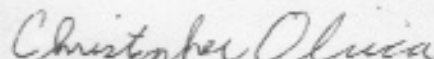


Terry L. Kostenbader  
Council President

ATTEST:

  
Donna I. McGarry, Secretary

APPROVED this 22nd day of August, 2019.

  
Christopher D. Olivia, Mayor