

RESOLUTION 17-10

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF A CITIZENS COMMISSION FOR LEGISLATIVE AND CONGRESSIONAL REDISTRICTING

WHEREAS, the citizens of the Borough of Paxtang 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 districts that favor one political party over others, a process often referred to as gerrymandering; and

WHEREAS, partisan realignment 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 and communities of interest; 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 Paxtang Borough 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 Borough of Paxtang (see list below) 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

Secretary of The Commonwealth Pedro A. Cortés

United States Senator Bob Casey

United States Senator Pat Toomey

United States Representative Lou Barletta

Pennsylvania Senator Mike Folmer

Pennsylvania Representative Patty Kim

Dauphin County Commissioner Jeff Haste

Dauphin County Commissioner Mike Pries

Dauphin County Commissioner George P. Hartwick III

Mayor Sheilah Borne Fuller

Chairman, Democratic Party of Pennsylvania, Marcel Groen

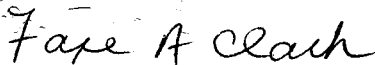
Chairman, Republican Party of Pennsylvania, Val DiGiorgio

Adopted this 19th day of September, 2017.



Nathan A. Martin, Council President

Attest:



Faye A. Clark, Secretary