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## **RESOLUTION NUMBER 2018-008**

A Resolution in Support of an Independent Citizens' Commission for Legislative and Congressional Redistricting

**WHEREAS**, the residents of Penn Township and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania deserve a fair, fully transparent, impartial and depoliticized process for the decennial task of drawing legislative and congressional districts of near equal population; and

**WHEREAS**, legislative and congressional redistricting has often resulted in the gerrymandering of districts so as to favor one political party or candidate over another; and

**WHEREAS**, such gerrymandering of legislative and congressional districts has worked at times to the detriment of our democracy by discouraging competition in elections and by impeding action on critical issues of importance to the people; and

**WHEREAS**, the creation of a truly independent citizens redistricting commission will help to implement a fair and accurate redistricting process that respects communities of interest by prohibiting the drawing of legislative districts for the purpose of favoring or discriminating against any one political party or candidate and by promoting transparency and the use of impartial and sound methodology when setting district boundaries so that compliance with the requirement of the Pennsylvania Constitution that "no county, city, incorporated town, borough, township or ward" be divided "unless absolutely necessary" will be assured; and

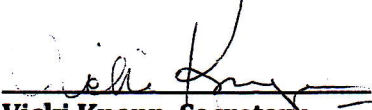
**WHEREAS**, legislation has been introduced in both the Pennsylvania House and Senate to amend the Pennsylvania Constitution to reform the current redistricting process by the establishment of an independent citizens redistricting commission,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that Penn Township does hereby support legislative efforts to secure the passage of an amendment to the Pennsylvania Constitution that would assign the decennial task of legislative redistricting to an independent citizens' commission; and


**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the State Representative and State Senator representing Penn Township.

**ADOPTED THIS 11th DAY OF JANUARY, 2018**

**ATTEST:**

  
Vicki Knepp, Secretary

  
Gary Martin, Chairman

  
Ken Sheaffer, Vice Chairman

  
Ronald Tritt, Supervisor