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POCOPSON TOWNSHIP
CHESTER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA
RESOLUTION NO. 2017-8

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF A CITIZEN'S COMMISSION FOR LEGISLATIVE AND
CONGRESSIONAL REDISTRICTING

WHEREAS, the Citizens of Pocopson Township and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania deserve a fair, fully transparent, impartial and depoliticized process of the decennial drawing of the state legislature and congressional districts of new equal population; and

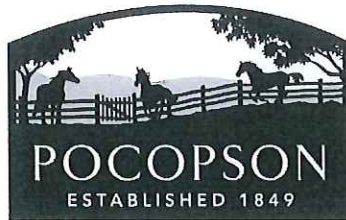
WHEREAS, legislative and congressional redistricting has often resulted in the gerrymandering of districts to favor one political party or the other; and

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

WHEREAS, creation of a truly independent citizens redistricting commission devoid of political motivation or partisanship will help to ensure a fair and accurate legislative and congressional redistricting process that respects political subdivisions, will prohibit districts from being drawn to favor or discriminate against a political party or candidate, will promote transparency, the use of impartial and sound methodology when setting district boundaries, and allow for public input, and will fully comply with the constitutional requirement that "no county, city, incorporated town, borough, township or ward" be divided "unless absolutely necessary"; and

WHEREAS, recent legislation has been introduced in the current legislative session 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.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Pocopson Township Board of Supervisors does hereby support legislative efforts to secure expeditious action to make a constitutional amendment that would, among other reforms, 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 in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania who represent the citizens of Pocopson township (see list) to publicly



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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.

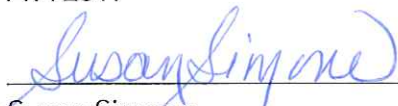
Governor Tom Wolf
Lieutenant Governor Mike Stack
Attorney General Josh Shapiro
United States Senator Bob Casey
United States Senator Pat Toomey
United States Representative Patrick Meehan
Pennsylvania Senator Thomas Killion
Pennsylvania Representative Stephen Barrar
Chester County Commissioner Kathi Cozzone
Chester County Commissioner Terence Farrell
Chester County Commissioner Michelle Kichline

If any sentence, clause, section or part of this Resolution is for any reason found to be unconstitutional, illegal or invalid, such unconstitutionality, illegality or invalidity shall not affect or impair any of the remaining provisions, sentences, clauses, sections or parts hereof. It is hereby declared the intent of the Township Board of Supervisors that this Resolution would have been adopted had such unconstitutional, illegal or invalid sentence, clause, section or part thereof not been included therein.

ENACTED AND RESOLVED this 15th day of May 2017. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.


ATTEST:

POCOPSON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS


Susan Simone,
Administrative Secretary

NOT IN ATTENDANCE

Ricki Stumpo, Chairman



Elaine DiMonte, Vice Chair



Alice J. Balsama, Supervisor