

**TOWNSHIP OF PORTER, CLINTON COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**

**RESOLUTION No. 8 – 2017 - 1**

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

WHEREAS, the citizens of Porter Township 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 others; 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 Porter Township Supervisors 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

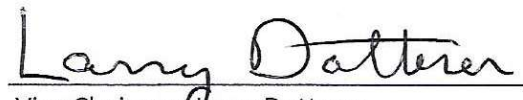
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be transmitted to all Members of the Pennsylvania Senate and House of Representatives, to the governing leaders of all counties in Pennsylvania, and to the Pennsylvania State Association of Township Supervisors.

Adopted This 7<sup>th</sup> Day of August, 2017



Attest: Carol Colucci  
Township Sec / Tres.

**Porter Township Supervisors**

  
Chairman Kevin Frank  
Vice Chairman Larry Dotterer  
Supervisor Mike Champion