

**TOWNSHIP OF SILVER SPRING,  
Cumberland County, Pennsylvania**

**RESOLUTION 2016-13**

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

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

**WHEREAS**, legislative redistricting and congressional reapportionment 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**, the creation of a truly independent citizens redistricting commission devoid of political motivation or partisanship will help to ensure a fair and accurate legislative redistricting and congressional reapportionment process that respects political subdivisions and communities of interest, 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 redistricting process with the intent of using fairness and sound methodology in a non-partisan fashion.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that Silver Spring Township does hereby support legislative efforts to secure expeditious action of a constitutional amendment that would, among other reforms, assign the decennial task of both legislative redistricting and congressional reapportionment 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.

**ADOPTED** as Resolution 2016-13, this 8th day of June, 2016

**ATTEST:**

**SILVER SPRING TOWNSHIP  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

Therese Eberly  
Secretary

By: Ray K. Bypki  
Chairman