

RESOLUTION NO. 1431

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

WHEREAS, the citizens of Springfield Township, Montgomery County, PA, and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania deserve a fair, fully transparent, impartial and depoliticized process of the decennial drawing of state legislative and congressional districts of near equal population; and

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

WHEREAS, such gerrymandering of State legislative and congressional districts may negatively impact our representative democracy; 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 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, 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 Springfield Township Board of Commissioners 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

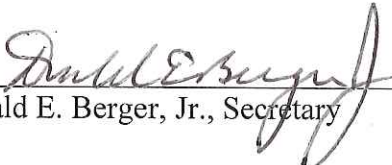
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of Springfield Township does call upon all those elected officials in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania who represent the citizens of Springfield Township to publicly announce their support of and commitment to work towards passage of such legislative efforts, and that a copy of this resolution be delivered to each of them.

UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED this 12th of July 2017.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF
SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP

By: 
Jeffrey T. Harbison, President

ATTEST:


Donald E. Berger, Jr., Secretary