

**RESOLUTION NO. 2018 - 36**

**RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF STROUD TOWNSHIP,  
MONROE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**

**WHEREAS**, the citizens of Stroud Township, Monroe County 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 help to ensure a fair, transparent and accurate legislative and congressional redistricting process that respects political subdivisions; prohibits 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 Board of Supervisors of Stroud Township 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 we call upon those elected officials in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania who represent the citizens of Stroud Township to publicly

announce their support of and commitment to work towards passage of legislative efforts, and that a copy of this resolution be delivered to each of them.

**ADOPTED** at a regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Stroud Township held on May 1, 2018.

TOWNSHIP OF STROUD



DARYL A. EPPLEY, Chairman And Secretary/Treasurer



CHRISTINE A. WILKINS, Vice Chairman And Assistant Secretary



EDWARD C. CRAMER, Supervisor And Assistant Treasurer

(TOWNSHIP SEAL)