

**RESOLUTION NO. 03-2017**

**WHEREAS**, the citizens of all municipalities in 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 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**, politicized districting has led to the exclusion of Summit Hill Borough citizens from participating in elections for the PA House of Representatives, Legislative District 122, even though Summit Hill has a long tradition of voting in this district and has supplied several former State representatives to this district, including one who rose to be the Speaker of the House; 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 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.”

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, The Summit Hill Borough Council hereby supports Senate Bill 22, a bipartisan proposal to put an independent citizens commission in charge of both legislative and congressional redistricting by calling for a change in the state constitution to create a new 11-member redistricting commission.

ADOPTED this 24<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2017, Summit Hill Borough Council.

BOROUGH OF SUMMIT HILL

Attest: Kira Steber  
Kira Steber, Secretary

BY: Michael Kokinda  
Michael Kokinda, President

APPROVED this 24<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2017.

Paul R. McArdle  
Paul R. McArdle, Mayor