

**RESOLUTION NO. 2019 –**

**A RESOLUTION BY TOWAMENSING TOWNSHIP, CARBON COUNTY, IN SUPPORT OF FAIR LEGISLATIVE DISTRICTS IN PENNSYLVANIA.**

**WHEREAS**, Towamensing Township is a township of the second class located in Carbon County, Pennsylvania; and

**WHEREAS**, the citizens of Towamensing Township and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania deserve a fair, fully transparent, and impartial process for drawing state legislative and congressional districts; 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 been to the detriment of our representative democracy; and

**WHEREAS**, a truly independent citizens' redistricting commission would 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 public input; and comply with the constitutional requirement that "no country, city, incorporated town, borough, township or ward be divided "unless absolutely necessary"; and

**WHEREAS**, legislation to amend the Pennsylvania Constitution is required to ensure these reforms.

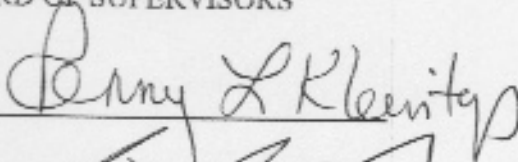
**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED** that the Supervisors of Towamensing Township hereby support legislative efforts to amend the Pennsylvania Constitution to

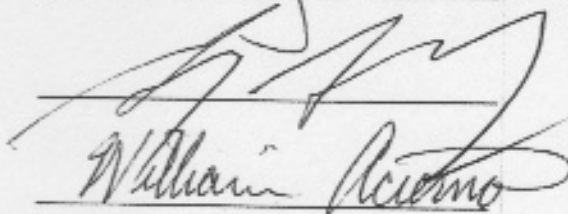
assign the task of both legislative and congressional redistricting to an independent citizens' redistricting commission; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that we call upon all those elected officials and party leaders in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania who represent the citizens of Towamensing to announce their support of these legislative efforts, and that a copy of this resolution be sent to each of them.

**RESOLVED** this 7<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2019.

TOWAMENSING TOWNSHIP  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

  
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ATTEST:

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Secretary