

**UPPER PAXTON TOWNSHIP
DAUPHIN COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**

RESOLUTION NO. 7-9-19

A RESOLUTION OF UPPER PAXTON TOWNSHIP, DAUPHIN COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, CALLING ON THE COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE TO REFORM LEGISLATIVE REDISTRICTING AND CONGRESSIONAL REAPPORTIONMENT

WHEREAS, the residents of Upper Paxton Township 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 redistricting and congressional reapportionment 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

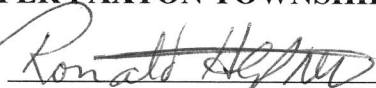
WHEREAS, the creation of a truly independent citizens redistricting commission devoid of political motivation or partisanship will: ensure a fair, transparent, and accurate legislative and congressional redistricting process that respects political subdivisions; prohibit districts from being drawn to favor or discriminate against a political party or candidate; require 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, 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.

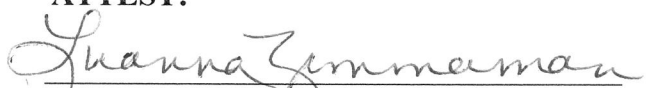
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Upper Paxton Township Board of Supervisors calls upon the elected officials of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to support legislative efforts to secure expeditious action of a constitutional amendment that would, among other reforms, assign the decennial task of both legislative redistricting and congressional reapportionment to an independent citizens redistricting commission.

Duly adopted this 9th day of July 2019, by the Board of Supervisors of Upper Paxton Township, Dauphin County, Pennsylvania, in lawful session duly assembled.

UPPER PAXTON TOWNSHIP:

By: 
Chairman Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:


Township Secretary