

**UPPER PROVIDENCE TOWNSHIP  
MONTGOMERY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**

**RESOLUTION 2018-8**

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

**WHEREAS**, the citizens of Upper Providence Township and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania deserve a fair, fully transparent, impartial and de-politicized process of the decennial drawing of state legislature and congressional districts of near equal population; and

**WHEREAS**, legislative and congressional redistricting often has 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**, 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, 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”; 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 Upper Providence Township 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 we call upon all those elected officials in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania who represent the citizens of Upper Providence Township to publicly announce their support of and commitment to work toward the


passage of such legislative efforts, and that a copy of this resolution be delivered to each of them.

Governor Tom Wolf  
Lieutenant Governor Mike Stack  
Attorney General Josh Shapiro  
United States Senator Robert "Bob" Casey, Jr.  
United States Senator Patrick "Pat" Toomey  
United States Representative Ryan Costello  
Pennsylvania Senator John C. Rafferty  
Pennsylvania Representative Michael N. Corr  
Pennsylvania Representative Warren Kampf  
Dr. Valerie Arkoosh, Chair, Montgomery County Commissioners  
Kenneth E. Lawrence, Vice Chair, Montgomery County Commissioners  
Joseph C. Gale, Montgomery County Commissioner

SO RESOLVED this 16<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2018.

Attest:

UPPERPROVIDENCE TOWNSHIP  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

  
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Timothy J. Tieperman  
Township Secretary

BY:   
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John Pearson, Chairman