

**UPPER SAUCON TOWNSHIP  
LEHIGH COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA  
RESOLUTION NO. 2018-13**

**A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF AN INDEPENDENT COMMISSION  
TO EXPLORE LEGISLATIVE AND CONGRESSIONAL REDISTRICTING**

**WHEREAS**, the residents of Upper Saucon Township and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania deserve a fair, fully transparent, impartial, and depoliticized process of the decennial drawing of state legislative and congressional districts of near equal population; and

**WHEREAS**, legislative and congressional redistricting can result in the gerrymandering of districts, favoring one political party over another; and

**WHEREAS**, the gerrymandering of legislative and congressional districts can be detrimental to our representative democracy by impeding action on critical issues of great importance to the residents of Upper Saucon Township and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania; and

**WHEREAS**, the creation of a truly independent redistricting commission devoid of political motivation or partisanship will help to ensure a fair and accurate legislative and congressional redistricting process; and

**WHEREAS**, recent legislation has been introduced in the previous and current Pennsylvania legislative sessions 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 the Upper Saucon Township Board of Supervisors does hereby support legislative efforts to secure expeditious action that would, among other reforms, assign the decennial task of both legislative and congressional redistricting to an independent redistricting commission; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a copy of this Resolution be delivered to the offices of all elected officials representing Upper Saucon Township in the Pennsylvania House of Representatives and Senate.

DULY ADOPTED this 26<sup>th</sup> day of FEBRUARY, 2018, by the Board of Supervisors of Upper Saucon Township, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania, in lawful session duly assembled.

UPPER SAUCON TOWNSHIP  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

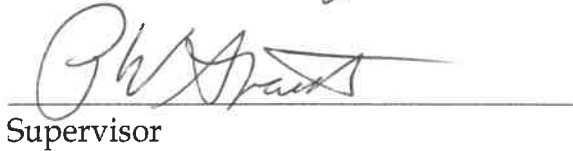
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