

**RESOLUTION**  
**NO. 3057**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WARREN, A HOME RULE MUNICIPALITY,  
IN WARREN COUNTY, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA  
IN SUPPORT OF A CITIZENS COMMISSION FOR  
LEGISLATIVE AND CONGRESSIONAL REDISTRICTING**

**WHEREAS**, the citizens of the City of Warren, in Warren County, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania deserve a fair, fully transparent, impartial, and depoliticized process for the decennial drawing of state legislative and congressional districts of near equal population; and

**WHEREAS**, the Pennsylvania Constitution (Article II §16. Legislative Districts) states that voting districts shall be "composed of compact and contiguous territory as nearly equal in population as practicable"; 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 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 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;
- Promote transparency, the use of impartial and sound methodology when setting district boundaries;
- Allow for 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**, legislation 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 is required to ensure these reforms.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the City Council of the City of Warren that the City Council of the City of Warren, Pennsylvania, does hereby support legislative efforts to amend the Pennsylvania Constitution to assign the decennial task of both legislative and congressional redistricting to an independent Citizens Redistricting Commission; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a copy of this resolution shall be transmitted to all members of the Warren County delegation in the Pennsylvania Senate and House of Representatives and to the Pennsylvania Municipal League.

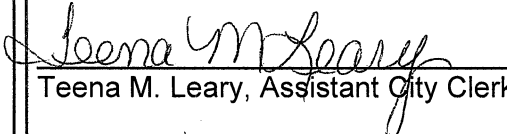
**APPROVED THIS** 19<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2018

THE CITY OF WARREN

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Maurice J. Cashman, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Teena M. Leary, Assistant City Clerk