

**TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON
COUNTY OF NORTHAMPTON
COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA**

RESOLUTION NO. 13-2018

A **RESOLUTION** of the Board of Supervisors of Washington Township, Northampton County, Pennsylvania, in support of a citizen's commission for legislative and congressional redistricting.

WHEREAS, the citizens of Washington Township, Northampton County, 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 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, 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, 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 that the Washington Township Board of Supervisors 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 we call upon all those elected officials and party leaders in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania who represent the citizens of Washington Township, Northampton County, to publicly announce their support of and commitment to work toward passage of such legislative efforts , and that a copy of this resolution to delivered to each of them.

Governor Tom Wolf

Lieutenant Governor Mike Stack

Attorney General Josh Shapiro

Secretary of State Pedro A. Cortes

United States Senator Bob Casey

United States Senator Pat Toomey

United States Representative Matt Cartwright

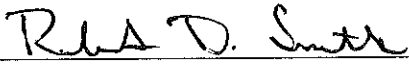
Pennsylvania Senator Mario Scavello

Pennsylvania Representative Joe Emrick

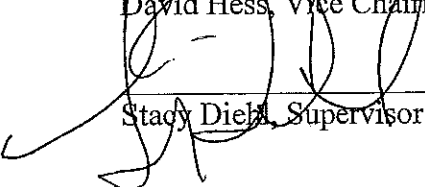
President of Northampton County Council, Kenneth Kraft

RESOLVED this 9th day of May, 2018, at a duly convened public meeting of the Board of Supervisors.

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

By: 
Robert Smith, Chairman


David Hess, Vice Chairman


Stacy Diehl, Supervisor

ATTEST:


Secretary / Treasurer