

**TOWNSHIP OF WEST DEER  
ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA  
RESOLUTION NO. 2019-6**

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

WHEREAS, the citizens of the Township of West Deer, Allegheny County, 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 Board of Supervisors of West Deer Township 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

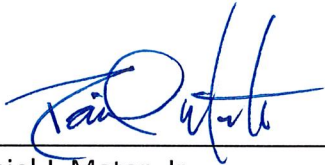
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we call upon all those elected officials and party leaders in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania who represent the citizens of the Township of West Deer (see list below) to publicly announce their support of and commitment to work towards passage of such legislative efforts, and that a copy of this resolution be delivered to each of them.

Governor Tom Wolf  
Lieutenant Governor John Fetterman  
Attorney General Josh Shapiro  
Secretary of State Pedro A. Cortés  
United States Senator Bob Casey  
United States Senator Pat Toomey  
United States Representative Conor Lamb  
Pennsylvania Senator Lindsey Williams  
Pennsylvania Representative Robert Brooks  
Allegheny County Councilmember Anita Prizio  
Chairman, Democratic Party of Pennsylvania, Nancy Patton Mills  
Chairman, Republican Party of Pennsylvania, Lawrence Tabas

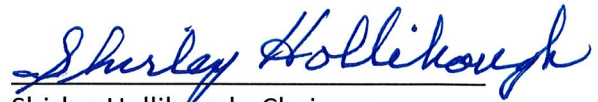
ADOPTED this 20<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2019 by the Board of Supervisors of the Township of West Deer.

ATTEST:

TOWNSHIP OF WEST DEER



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Daniel J. Mator, Jr.  
Township Manager



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Shirley Hollibaugh, Chairperson  
Board of Supervisors