

**WEST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP  
CHESTER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA  
RESOLUTION NO. 14 – 2017**

**A RESOLUTION OF WEST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP, CHESTER COUNTY,  
COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, IN SUPPORT OF A CITIZENS'  
COMMISSION TO EXPLORE LEGISLATIVE AND CONGRESSIONAL  
REDISTRICTING.**

**WHEREAS**, the citizens of West Goshen 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; and

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

**WHEREAS**, the gerrymandering of legislative and congressional districts can work against and/or to the detriment of our representative democracy by impeding legislative and/or congressional action involving critical issues of great importance to the citizens of West Goshen Township and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania; and

**WHEREAS**, the creation of a truly independent citizens redistricting commission devoid of political motivation or partnership may help to ensure a more fair and representative legislative and congressional redistricting process, that: respects political subdivisions; prohibits districts from being drawn in favor of or discriminatorily against a certain political party or candidate; promotes transparency; encourages the use of impartial and sound methodologies when reestablishing legislative and congressional districts; 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 the West Goshen Board of Supervisors does hereby support legislative efforts to secure expeditious action, which would, among other reforms, assign the decennial task of both legislative and congressional redistricting to an independent redistricting commission; and

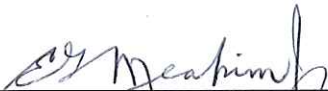
**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a copy of this Resolution be delivered to the offices of all elected officials representing West Goshen Township in Pennsylvania House of Representatives and Senate.

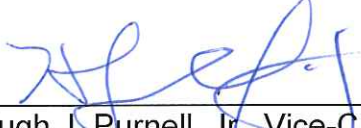
**RESOLVED AND ADOPTED** by the Board of Supervisors of West Goshen Township this 14<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2017.


ATTEST:


  
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Casey LaLonde, Secretary

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