

**TOWNSHIP OF WEST POTTS GROVE
COUNTY of MONTGOMERY, COMMONWEALTH of PENNSYLVANIA**

RESOLUTION # 2018- 04

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

WHEREAS, the citizens of the Township of West Pottsgrove 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 West Pottsgrove Board of Commissioners do 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 in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania who represent the citizens of the Township of West Pottsgrove 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.

I, Joanne Herb, duly qualified Secretary of the Township of West Pottsgrove Montgomery County, Pennsylvania hereby certify that the forgoing is a true and correct copy of a Resolution duly adopted by a majority vote of the West Pottsgrove Board of Commissioners at a regular meeting held April 18th, 2018 and said Resolution has been recorded in the Minutes of the Township of West Pottsgrove and remains in effect as of this date.

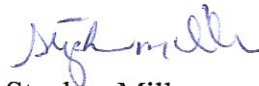
Adopted and approved by the Board of Commissioners at a duly advertised public meeting held this 18th Day of April 2018 with 3 Commissioners voting "Aye" and 1 Commissioner voting "Nay."

ATTEST

TOWNSHIP OF WEST POTTS GROVE



Joanne Herb
Township Secretary



Stephen Miller
President Commissioner

Approved this 18th of April, 2018.

Governor Tom Wolf
Lieutenant Governor Mike Stack
Attorney General Josh Shapiro
United States Senator Bob Casey
United States Senator Pat Toomey
United States Representative Ryan Costello
Pennsylvania Senator Bob Mensch
Pennsylvania Representative Marcy Toepel
Montgomery County Commissioner Val Arkoosh, Chair
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Acting Secretary of the Commonwealth, Robert Torres