

WHITPAIN TOWNSHIP
RESOLUTION NO. 1227

**A Resolution Stating Whitpain Township's Support of Nonpartisan
Redistricting Efforts for Legislative and Congressional Offices**

WHEREAS, Whitpain Township, Montgomery County, PA seeks an equitable, transparent, and impartial process for the decennial drawing of state legislative and congressional districts; and

WHEREAS, at times Pennsylvania's legislative and congressional redistricting has resulted in gerrymandering of districts to favor one political party; and

WHEREAS, Whitpain Township is currently split between multiple State legislative and congressional districts; and

WHEREAS, Whitpain Township acknowledges that the United States Supreme Court's impending decision in Gill v. Whitford may provide further guidance and perhaps controlling guidance to state redistricting efforts; and

WHEREAS, in the absence of controlling guidance by the United States Supreme Court, Whitpain Township supports the creation of an independent citizen's panel, working within the bounds of the Pennsylvania state constitution, to determine the drawing of decennial state legislative and congressional districts that is free of political partisanship and does not assign representation based on party affiliation; and

WHEREAS, state and congressional legislative districts should be drawn in a manner that fully complies with all federal laws and regulations, avoids unnecessarily dividing municipalities into multiple districts whenever possible, assures that districts are as compactly formed as possible to assure convenience of travel and communications, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Whitpain Township Board of Supervisors does hereby support nonpartisan efforts to remove partisan politics from the decennial drawing of state legislative and congressional districts.

RESOLVED AND ADOPTED on this 6th day of March 2018.

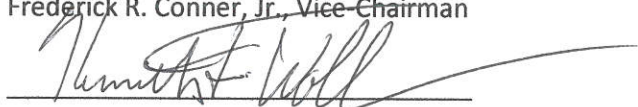
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