

BOROUGH OF WYOMISSING, BERKS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-02

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF WYOMISSING, BERKS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA IN SUPPORT OF A CITIZENS COMMISSION FOR LEGISLATIVE AND CONGRESSIONAL REDISTRICTING

WHEREAS, the citizens of the Borough of Wyomissing 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, by the Council of the Borough of Wyomissing that the Borough hereby supports 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

FURTHER RESOLVED, that we call upon all those elected officials and party leaders in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania who represent the citizens of the Borough of Wyomissing (see list below) to publically 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 Mike Stack

Attorney General Josh Shapiro

Acting Secretary of Commonwealth Robert Torres

United States Senator Bob Casey

United States Senator Pat Toomey

United States Representative Ryan Costello

Pennsylvania Senator Judith L. Schwank

Pennsylvania Representative Mark M. Gillen

County Commissioner Christian Y. Leinbach

County Commissioner Kevin S. Barnhardt

County Commissioner Mark C. Scott, Esq.

Mayor Frederick C. Levering

Chairman, Democratic Party of Pennsylvania, Marcel Groen

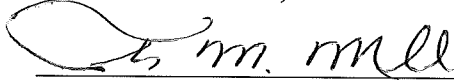
Chairman, Republican Party of Pennsylvania, Val DiGiorgio

FURTHER RESOLVED, that all Resolutions or parts of Resolutions inconsistent with this Resolution are hereby superseded.

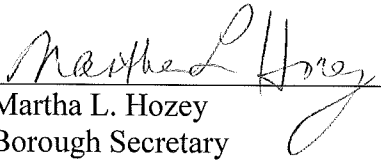
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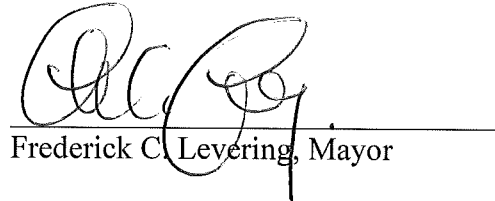
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Borough Council of the Borough of Wyomissing has adopted this Resolution in lawful session this 13th day of Feb. 2018.

BOROUGH COUNCIL,
BOROUGH OF WYOMISSING,
BERKS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA



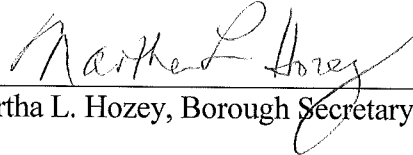
Thomas M. Moll
President of Borough Council

Attest: 
Martha L. Hozey
Borough Secretary


Frederick C. Levering, Mayor

CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and accurate copy of a Resolution of the Borough Council of WYOMISSING, Berks County, Pennsylvania, which was fully adopted at a public meeting held pursuant to notice as required by law on the 13th day of Feb., 2018.



Martha L. Hozey, Borough Secretary

Dated: 2/13, 2018