

RESOLUTION NO. 19- 03

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF YARDLEY, COUNTY OF BUCKS,
COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA IN SUPPORT OF A CITIZENS
COMMISSION FOR LEGISLATIVE AND CONGRESSIONAL REDISTRICTING**

WHEREAS the citizens of the Borough of Yardley 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 there are currently in Bucks County municipalities which are divided between one or more general assembly district; 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 an 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 Borough of Yardley 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

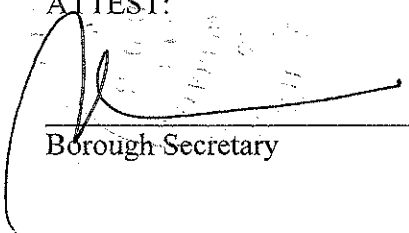
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough of Yardley calls upon the Pennsylvania State Association of Boroughs (PSAB) to adopt a similar resolution supporting the creation of an independent citizens' redistricting commission; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough of Yardley calls upon all those elected officials and party leaders in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania who represent the citizens of the Borough of Yardley 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.

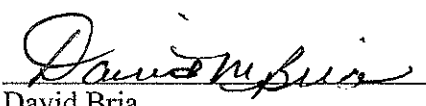
Governor Tom Wolf
Lieutenant Governor John Fetterman
Attorney General Josh Shapiro
United States Senator Bob Casey
United States Senator Pat Toomey
United States Representative Brian Fitzpatrick
Pennsylvania Senator Steve Santarsiero
Pennsylvania Representative Perry Warren
Bucks County Commissioner Robert Loughery
Bucks County Commissioner Charles Martin
Bucks County Commissioner Diane Ellis-Marseglia
Acting Secretary of the Commonwealth Kathy Boockvar

RESOLVED, ADOPTED, and APPROVED this 21st day of May 2019,
at a regular public meeting of the Borough Council of Yardley Borough.

ATTEST:


Borough Secretary

YARDLEY BOROUGH


David Bria
Council Vice President