

**HALFMOON TOWNSHIP
CENTRE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**

RESOLUTION 2018 - 07

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HALFMOON, CENTRE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA,
SUPPORTING A CITIZEN COMMISSION FOR LEGISLATIVE AND CONGRESSIONAL
REDISTRICTING**

WHEREAS, the citizens of Centre County 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 populations; 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;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED AND IT IS RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors 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 we call upon all those elected officials in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania who represent the citizens of Centre County to publicly announce their support of and commitment to work towards passage of such legislative efforts; and

BE IT FUTHTER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to all members of the Pennsylvania Senate and House that represent Centre County and to each of the thirty-five municipal boards and councils.

ADOPTED this day 8th of February, 2018.



Township Secretary



Chair, Halfmoon Township Board of Supervisors

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