

RESOLUTION 2019-11

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF ATHENS TOWNSHIP, BRADFORD COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA IN SUPPORT OF A CITIZENS COMMISSION FOR LEGISLATIVE AND CONGRESSIONAL REDISTRICTING

WHEREAS, the citizens of Athens Township, Bradford 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 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.

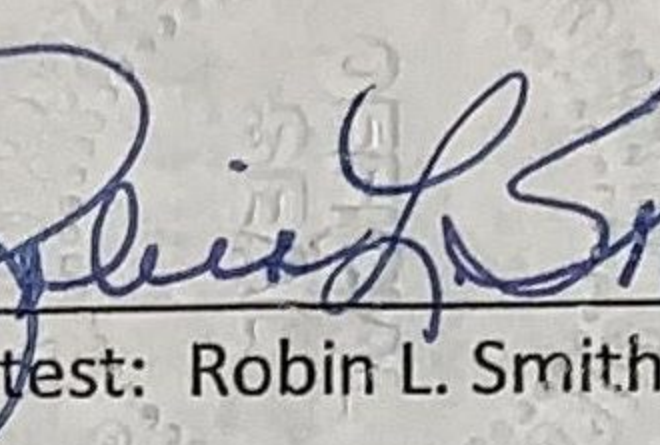
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Athens Township does hereby support legislative efforts to amend the Pennsylvania Constitution to assign the decennial task of both legislative and congressional redistricting to an independent citizens' redistricting commission; and

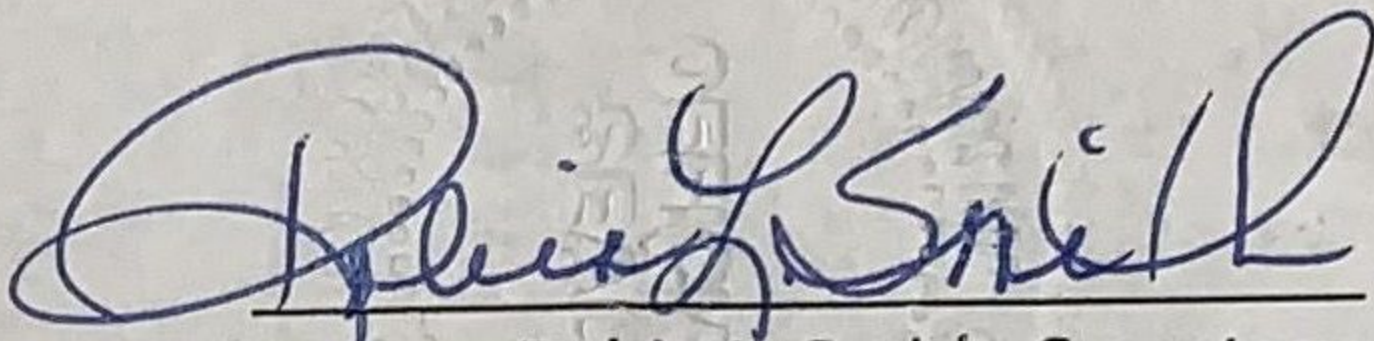
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we call upon all those elected officials and party leaders in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania who represent the citizens of Athens Township to publicly announce their support of and commitment to work towards passage of such legislative efforts, and that a copy of this resolution 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 Congressman Fred Keller
Pennsylvania Senator Gene Yaw
Pennsylvania Representative Tina Pickett
Acting Secretary of the Commonwealth, Kathleen Boockvar

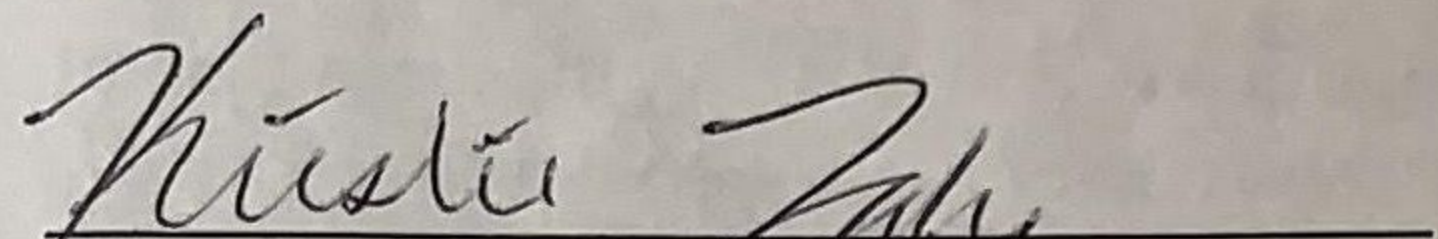
Bradford County Commissioner Doug McLinko
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Bradford County Commissioner Ed Bustin

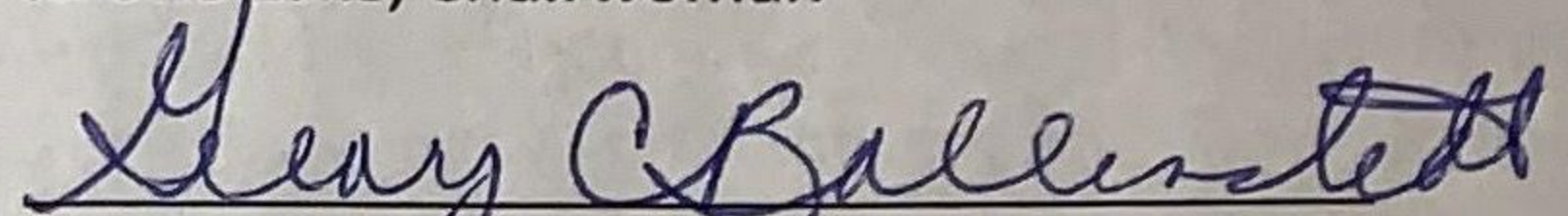
ADOPTED this 17th day of September, 2019 by the Board of Supervisors of Athens Township,
Bradford County, Pennsylvania.



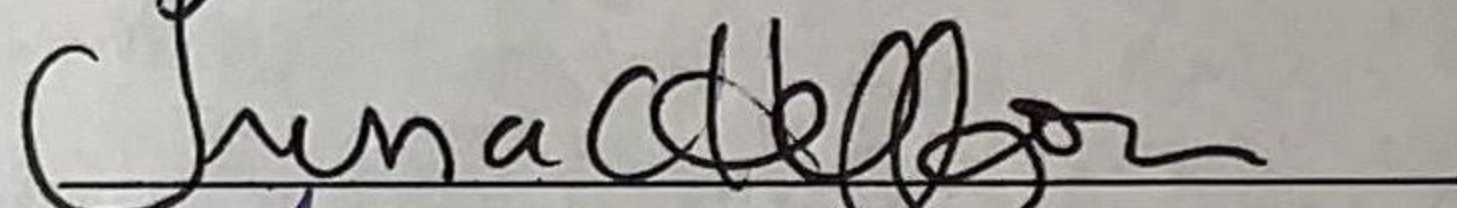

Attest: Robin L. Smith, Secretary

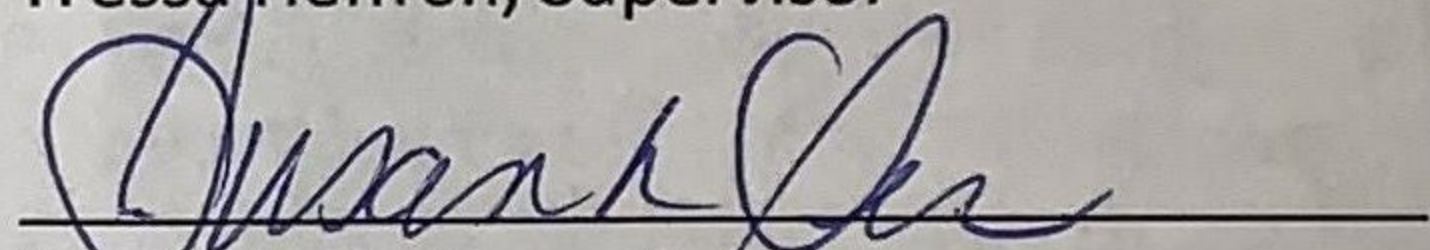
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