

RESOLUTION NO. 030818-22

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF BEAVER, IN THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, SUPPORTING A CITIZENS COMMISSION FOR LEGISLATIVE AND CONGRESSIONAL REDISTRICTING;

WHEREAS, the citizens of the County of Beaver 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 the Beaver County Board of Commissioners 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 Beaver County (see list below) 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 Mike Stack  
Attorney General Josh Shapiro  
Acting Secretary of State Torres  
United States Senator Bob Casey  
United States Senator Pat Toomey  
United States Representative Keith Rothfus  
Pennsylvania Senator Elder Vogel  
Pennsylvania Senator Camera Bartolotta  
Pennsylvania Representative Jim Christiana  
Chairman, Democratic Party of Pennsylvania  
Chairman, Republican Party of Pennsylvania, Val DiGiorgio

1. That the Resolution supporting a citizens commission for legislative and congressional redistricting is hereby approved.

2. That the Board of Commissioners, for and on behalf of the County of Beaver, is hereby authorized to execute said Resolution and the Chief Clerk is hereby directed to attest the due execution thereof and to affix the Seal of the County of Beaver thereto.

3. That, following proper execution, attestation and sealing of said Resolution, the Chief Clerk is hereby directed to cause delivery of the same to be made as

follows: The original to the Controller of the County of Beaver.

Adopted this 8<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2018.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
COUNTY OF BEAVER

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Sandie Egley, Chairman

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