

Resolution 2020-02
Borough Council of Berrysburg
Dauphin County, Pennsylvania
February 10, 2020

**A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF A CITIZENS COMMISSION FOR
LEGISLATIVE AND CONGRESSIONAL REDISTRICTING**

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF BERRYSBURG, DAUPHIN COUNTY, IN THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA: IN SUPPORT OF THE CREATION OF A TRULY INDEPENDENT CITIZENS REDISTRICTING COMMISSION DEVOID OF POLITICAL MOTIVATION OR PARTISANSHIP

Whereas, the citizens of Berrysburg Borough 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 the Berrysburg Borough Council 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 Berrysburg Borough 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.

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DULY ADOPTED this tenth (10th) day of February, 2020 by the Borough Council of Berrysburg, Dauphin County, in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, in lawful session duly assembled.

Attest: Berrysburg Borough Council

Lahn P. Kopp 2-10-20
Lahn Kopp, President (Date)

Michael J. Ward 2/10/20
Michael J. Ward, Mayor (Date)

I, Diane Kennedy being the Secretary of the Borough Council of Berrysburg, Dauphin County, in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, hereby certify that this copy is a true and correct copy of the original resolution which was adopted by the Borough Council of Berrysburg, at a regular meeting held at 7:00 p.m. on the tenth (10th) day of February 2020.

Diane Kennedy 2-10-20
Diane Kennedy, Secretary (Date)
(SEAL AFFIX)