From: Louise McClafferty secretary@jtborough.org &

Subject: Resolution 2020.08 Support of Fair Legislative Districts in Pennsylvania

Date: May 4, 2020 at 12:40 To: hiramc@ptd.net



Hello.

Attached you will find the signed copy of the Borough of Jim Thorpe's adopted Resolution 2020.08.

If you have any questions please let me know.

Stay safe and healthy.

Louise

RESOLUTION 2020-08

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF FAIR LEGISLATIVE DISTRICTS IN PENNSYLVANIA

WHEREAS, the citizens of the Borough of Jim Thorpe and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania deserve a fair, fully transparent, and impartial process for drawing state legislative and congressional districts; 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 been to detriment of our representative democracy; and

WHEREAS, a truly independent citizens' redistricting commission would 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 public input; and 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 is required to ensure these reforms.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council members of the Borough of Jim Thorpe hereby support legislative efforts to amend the Pennsylvania Constitution to assign the 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 Jim Thorpe to announce their support of these legislative efforts, and that a copy of this resolution be sent to each of them.

ATTEST:

Borough Secretary, Louise McClafferty

BY:

President of Council, Gregory Strubinger

I certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the Resolution adopted at a meeting of the

Jim Thorpe Borough Council, held on March 12, 2020.

Mayor Michael Softanko