

**Borough of Bryn Athyn**  
**Montgomery County, Pennsylvania**  
**Resolution No. 2017-03**

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

**WHEREAS**, the citizens of the Borough of Bryn Athyn and of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania deserve a fair, fully transparent, impartial, and depoliticized process for the decennial drawing of state legislature and federal congressional districts of near equal population; and

**WHEREAS**, legislative and congressional redistricting has often resulted in the gerrymandering of districts to favor one political party or the other; and

**WHEREAS**, such gerrymandering of legislative and congressional districts has worked at times to the detriment of our representative democracy by impeding action on critical issues of importance to the people; and

**WHEREAS**, the creation of a truly independent citizens' redistricting commission devoid of political motivation and partisanship will help to ensure a fair and accurate legislative and congressional redistricting process that respects political subdivisions, prohibits districts from being drawn to favor or discriminate against a political party or candidate, promotes transparency and the use of impartial and sound methodology when setting district boundaries, allows for public input, and fully complies with the constitutional requirement that "no county, city, incorporated town, borough, township or ward" be divided "unless absolutely necessary"; and

**WHEREAS**, recent legislation has been introduced in the current legislative session 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;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Bryn Athyn Borough Council does hereby support legislative efforts to secure expeditious action to create a constitutional amendment that would, among other reforms, assign the decennial task of both legislative and congressional redistricting to an independent citizens' redistricting commission; and

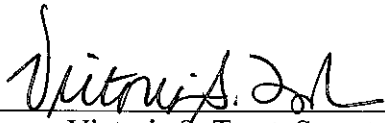
**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that we call upon all those elected officials in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania who represent the citizens of the Borough of Bryn Athyn, in the list below, to publicly announce their support of such legislative efforts and their commitment to work toward passage thereof; and that a copy of this resolution be delivered to each of them.

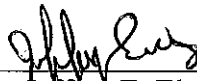
Governor Tom Wolf  
Lieutenant Governor Mike Stack  
Attorney General Josh Shapiro  
United States Senator Bob Casey  
United States Senator Pat Toomey  
United States Representative Brendan Boyle  
Pennsylvania Senator Stewart Greenleaf  
Pennsylvania Representative Tom Murt  
County Commissioner Chair Valerie Arkoosh  
County Commissioner Vice Chair Ken Lawrence  
County Commissioner Joe Gale  
Mayor Kenneth Schauder

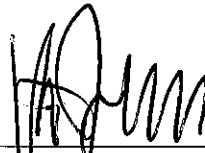
Approved, this eleventh day of September, in the year of Our Lord, 2017.

**BOROUGH OF BRYN ATHYN**

Attest:

  
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Victoria S. Trost, Secretary

By:   
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Jeffrey E. Elsing, President

  
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Kenneth J. Schauder, Mayor

