

## Resolution R6-2020

### A Resolution in Support of Fair Legislative Districts in Pennsylvania

**WHEREAS**, the citizens of Lehighton Borough 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 the 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

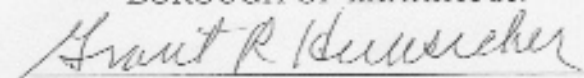
**WHEREAS**, legislation to amend the Pennsylvania Constitution is required to ensure these reforms.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Lehighton Borough Council hereby supports 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 Lehighton to announce their support of these legislative efforts, and that a copy of this resolution be sent to each of them.

Governor Tom Wolf 0  
United States representative Dan Meuser  
Pennsylvania Senator John Yudichak  
Pennsylvania Representative Doyle Hefley

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Grant R. Hunsicker, Council President

ATTEST:

  
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