

**SCHUYLKILL TOWNSHIP
CHESTER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA
RESOLUTION # 2020-09**

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

WHEREAS, the citizens of Schuylkill Township 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 Schuylkill Township Board of Supervisors 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 Schuylkill Township 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 John Fetterman
Attorney General Josh Shapiro
United States Senator Bob Casey
U.S. Senator Pat Toomey
U.S. Representative Chrissy Houlahan (6th District)


Penna. Senator Andrew E. Dinniman (19th District)
Penna. Representative Melissa Shusterman (157th District)
Marian Moskowitz, County Commissioner
Josh Maxwell, County Commissioner
Michelle Kichline, County Commissioner
Kathy Boockvar, Secretary of the Commonwealth

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that this resolution be effective as of January 6, 2020.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 6th day of JANUARY 2020 by Schuylkill Township, Chester County, Pennsylvania, in lawful session duly assembled.

**SCHUYLKILL TOWNSHIP, CHESTER COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

BY:  _____
Chairperson

ATTEST:  _____
Secretary