

BOROUGH OF SWISSVALE

RESOLUTION NO. 18-14

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF SWISSVALE,
COUNTY OF ALLEGHENY, IN SUPPORT OF A CITIZENS
COMMISSION FOR LEGISLATIVE AND CONGRESSIONAL
REDISTRICTING.**

WHEREAS, the citizens of the Borough of Swissvale and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania deserve a fair, fully transparent, impartial and depoliticized process of the decennial drawing of state legislature 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 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 requirements 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 Council of the Borough of Swissvale 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

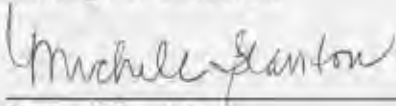
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we call upon all those elected officials and party leaders in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania who represent the citizens of the Borough of Swissvale to publicly announce their support of the Council of the Borough of Swissvale does hereby support of and commitment to work towards passage of such legislative efforts, and that a copy of this resolution be delivered to each of them.

RESOLVED and ENACTED this 2nd day of May, 2018

Attest:


Borough Secretary/Manager

Borough of Swissvale


Council President