

BOROUGH OF MARIETTA
RESOLUTION NO. 2017-07

A RESOLUTION OF MARIETTA BOROUGH, LANCASTER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA IN
SUPPORT OF LEGISLATION TO CREATE AN INDEPENDENT REDISTRICTING
COMMISSION

WHEREAS, the citizens of the Borough of Marietta 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 often resulted in the gerrymandering of districts to favor one political party or the other; and

WHEREAS, the creation of a truly independent citizens redistricting commission devoid of political motivation or partisanship will help to ensure a fair and accurate legislative and congressional redistricting process that respects political subdivisions, will prohibit districts from being drawn to favor or discriminate against a political party or candidate, will promote transparency, the use of impartial and sound methodology when setting district boundaries, and allow for public input, and will fully comply 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 Marietta Borough Council does hereby support legislative efforts to secure expeditious action to make a constitutional amendment that would, among other reforms, assign the decennial task of both legislative and congressional redistricting to an independent citizen's 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 Marietta 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.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I affix my hand and attach the seal of the Borough of Marietta, this **11th** day of **July, 2017**.

Attest:

Marietta Borough Council

Borough Secretary/Treasurer

Bridey Hannold, President

Council members: Harold Kulman, Vice President
Steven E. Foreman
Marcus Snow
Glen Mazis
Leah Nagle
Raymond Vegso, Mayor