

**UPPER DARBY TOWNSHIP
DELAWARE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**

RESOLUTION NO. 29-20

A RESOLUTION OF UPPER DARBY TOWNSHIP, DELAWARE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA IN SUPPORT OF A CITIZENS COMMISSION FOR LEGISLATIVE AND CONGRESSIONAL REDISTRICTING; REPEALING ALL INCONSISTENT RESOLUTIONS OR PARTS THEREOF; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the citizens of Upper Darby 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 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 Upper Darby Township Council 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 Upper Darby 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:

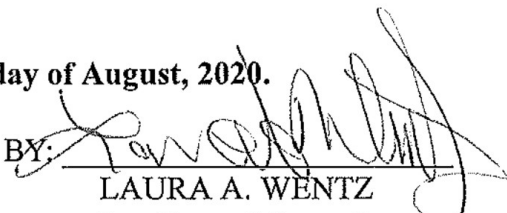
Governor Tom Wolf
Lieutenant Governor John Fetterman
Attorney General Josh Shapiro
United States Senator Bob Casey
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United States Representative Mary Gay Scanlon
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Acting Secretary of the Commonwealth, Kathy Boockvar

REPEALER. Any resolutions or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Resolution are hereby repealed to the extent of the inconsistency.

SEVERABILITY. If any provision of this Resolution is declared by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid or unconstitutional, such determination shall have no effect on the remaining provisions of this Resolution.

EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY. This Resolution shall become effective immediately following its legal enactment and shall remain in effect hereafter until revised, amended, or revoked by action of the Upper Darby Township Council.


ADOPTED and RESOLVED this 19th day of August, 2020.

BY: 
LAURA A. WENTZ
President of Council

ATTEST: 
MICHELLE BILLUPS
Secretary of Council

Resolution No. 29-20 is hereby approved this 19th day of August, 2020

BY: 
BARBARANN KEFFER
Mayor

ATTEST: 
VINCENT A. RONGIONE, ESQ.
Chief Administrative Officer