

FILE OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LEBANON, PA.

RESOLUTION 36 SESSIONS 2018-2019

INTRODUCED BY Mr. Wiley P. Parker, December 16, 2019

A RESOLUTION

IN SUPPORT OF A CITIZENS COMMISSION FOR LEGISLATIVE AND CONGRESSIONAL REDISTRICTING

WHEREAS, the citizens of the City of Lebanon 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 Lebanon City 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 the Lebanon City 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.

PASSED FINALLY BY COUNCIL OF CITY OF LEBANON, PENNA.

DEC 16 2019

Wayne Carey

Chairperson

Attest: *Cheryl Gibson*, Clerk

Approved _____ *

_____, Mayor

Attest: *Cheryl Gibson*, City Clerk

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December, 2019

Cheryl Gibson

City Clerk

*Mayor acknowledges adoption of Resolution No. 36, Sessions 2018-2019, by Lebanon City Council at its monthly meeting of December 16, 2019

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CITY CLERK