

Mount Holly Springs Borough
200 Harman Street
Mount Holly Springs, PA 17065

RESOLUTION No. 2018- 04

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

WHEREAS, the residents of the Borough of Mount Holly Springs and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania deserve a fair, fully transparent, impartial and depoliticized process for the decennial task of drawing legislative and congressional districts of near equal population; and

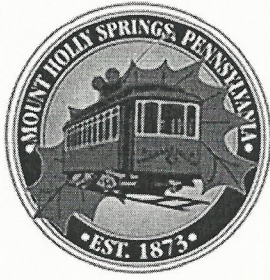
WHEREAS, legislative and congressional redistricting has often resulted in the gerrymandering of districts so as to favor one political party or candidate over another; and

WHEREAS, such gerrymandering of legislative and congressional districts has worked at times to the detriment of our democracy by discouraging competition in elections and by impeding action on critical issues of importance to the people; and

WHEREAS, the creation of a truly independent citizens' redistricting commission will help to implement a fair and accurate redistricting process that respects communities of interest by prohibiting the drawing of legislative districts for the purpose of favoring or discriminating against any one political party or candidate and by promoting transparency and the use of impartial and sound methodology when setting district boundaries so that compliance with the requirement of the Pennsylvania Constitution that "no county, city, incorporated town, borough, township or ward" be divided "unless absolutely necessary" will be assured; and

WHEREAS, legislation has been introduced in both the Pennsylvania House and Senate to amend the Pennsylvania Constitution to reform the current redistricting process by the establishment of an independent citizens' redistricting commission,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mount Holly Springs Borough Council does hereby support legislative efforts to secure the passage of an amendment to the Pennsylvania



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Constitution that would assign the decennial task of legislative redistricting to an independent citizens' commission; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the State Representatives and State Senators representing Mount Holly Springs, the County Commissioners Association of Pennsylvania (CCAP), and the Western Cumberland Council of Governments (WCCOG).

ADOPTED THIS 12 DAY OF February 2018

ATTEST:

Sara Jarrett, Borough Secretary

James Collins II, President

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