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*Linda Ricketts Schellhammer*  
City Clerk: 6/15/18

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF ALTOONA IN SUPPORT OF  
A CITIZENS COMMISSION FOR LEGISLATIVE AND CONGRESSIONAL REDISTRICTING**

**WHEREAS**, the citizens of the **City of Altoona** 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 **Governing Body of the City of Altoona** 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 **City of Altoona** 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.

Roll Call	Yeas	Nays		Yeas	Nays
Butterbaugh	✓		Kelley	✓	
Cacciotti	✓		Neugebauer	✓	
Cagle	✓		Mayor Pacifico	✓	
Jordan	✓				
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Mayor \_\_\_\_\_ Date Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Attest: *Linda Ricketts Schellhammer* **JUN 15 2018**

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Date Recorded