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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the citizens of Northumberland County and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, deserve a fair, fully transparent, impartial and depoliticized process for the decennial task of drawing state legislative 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 political candidate, over another; and

WHEREAS, legislation has been introduced to amend the Pennsylvania Constitution to reform the decennial redistricting process via the establishment of an independent citizens redistricting commission; and

WHEREAS, such reform of the redistricting process must be acted upon by the General Assembly in a timely fashion to facilitate implementation in conjunction with the next redistricting process in 2021; and

WHEREAS, It is imperative the General Assembly of Pennsylvania lay aside all political loyalties and determine the importance and significance of establishing a fair and equitable system to determine state legislative as well as federal congressional districts;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOVED that the Northumberland County Board of Commissioners does hereby affirm its support for timely action by the state General Assembly on legislative efforts to secure affirmative action on a constitutional amendment that would establish a fair and equitable system to determine legislative and congressional districts which may include an independent citizens redistricting commission; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Northumberland County Board of Commissioners does hereby respectfully request that other counties seriously consider the adoption of similar resolutions, and that the County Commissioners Association of Pennsylvania (CCAP) take action in its 2017 consideration of new resolutions to support this good government reform; and

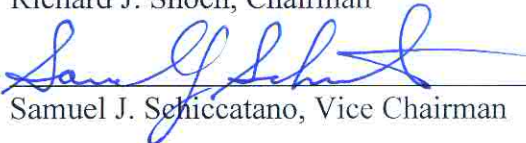
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be transmitted to all Members of the Pennsylvania Senate and House of Representatives, to the governing leaders of all counties in Pennsylvania, and the County Commissioners Association of Pennsylvania (CCAP).

ADOPTED THIS 1ST DAY OF AUGUST, 2017

**NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**



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ABSENT

Kymberley L. Best, Commissioner

ATTEST:


Maryrose B. McCarthy, Chief Clerk