

RESOLUTION No. 2018-09

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

**WHEREAS**, the citizens of the Borough of Tyrone 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 Borough Council of the Borough of Tyrone 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 **Borough of Tyrone** 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 Mike Stack

Attorney General Josh Shapiro

Acting Secretary of Commonwealth Robert Torres

United States Senator Bob Casey

United States Senator Pat Toomey

United States Representative Bill Shuster

Pennsylvania Senator John Eichelberger

Pennsylvania Representative Judy Ward

Bruce Erb, Blair County Commissioner

Terry Tomassetti, Blair County Commissioner

Ted Beam, Blair County Commissioner

Interim Chair, Democratic Party of Pennsylvania, Jack Hanna

Chair, Republican Party of Pennsylvania, Val DiGiorgio

Chair, Republican Party of Blair County, Lois Kaneshiki

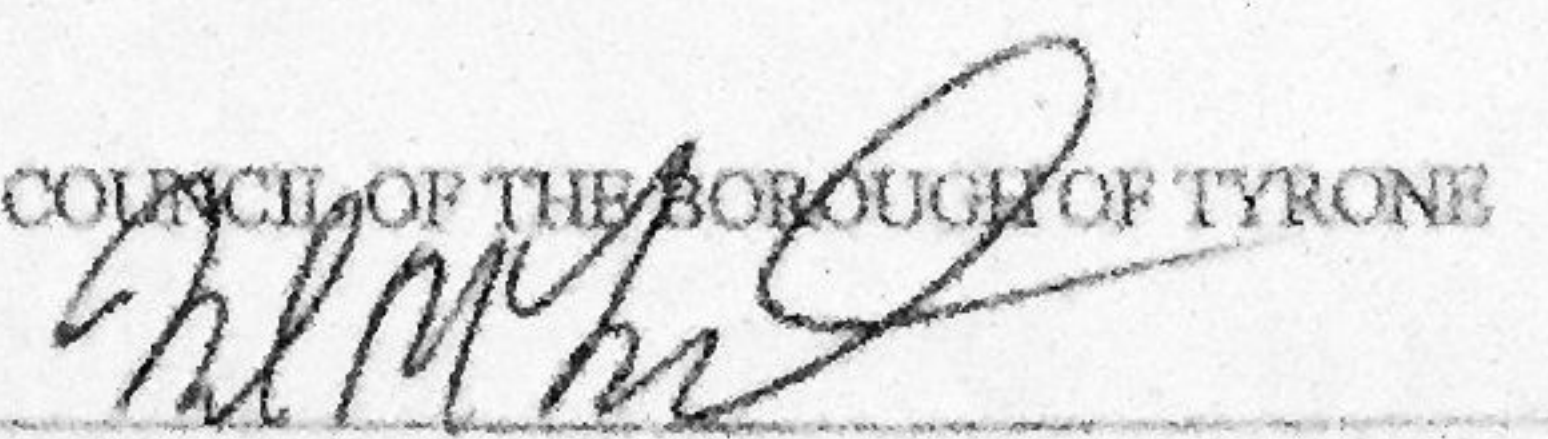
Chair, Democratic Party of Pennsylvania, Gillian Kratzer

Adopted by the Borough Council of the Borough of Tyrone, County of Blair, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, this 14<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2018.

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Ardean C. Latchford,  
Secretary/Borough Manager

COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF TYRONE

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
William M. Latchford  
Mayor/President of Council