

**TOWNSHIP OF CHELTENHAM  
MONTGOMERY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**

**RESOLUTION NO. 35-17**

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**A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING SENATE BILL NO. 22 AND HOUSE BILL NO. 722 CALLING FOR AN AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA ASSIGNING THE DECENNIAL TASK OF BOTH LEGISLATIVE REDISTRICTING AND CONGRESSIONAL REAPPORTIONMENT TO AN OPEN AND TRANSPARENT INDEPENDENT CITIZENS REDISTRICTING COMMISSION**

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**WHEREAS**, the current redistricting process of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania for state legislative and congressional seats is subject to partisan discrimination and favoritism which jeopardizes the basic principle that voters should select their elected officials, rather than allowing elected officials to select their voting districts; and

**WHEREAS**, Senate Bill No. 22 of 2017 and House Bill No. 722 have been introduced, proposing amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth to provide an open and transparent process for a newly-constituted legislative and Congressional redistricting commission consisting of voters of the Commonwealth who have not held Federal or State public office in the previous five (5) years, who have not served as paid staff members or paid legislative consultants or consultants to the Governor in the previous five (5) years, who are not registered as Federal or State lobbyists in the past five (5) years, and who have not held office or served as paid staff members of political parties in the past five (5) years along with certain other disqualifying criteria to provide for an independent citizens redistricting commission as much as possible, and further providing certain criteria for the redistricting process.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Commissioners of Cheltenham Township, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania, formally requests the Senators and Representatives of the General Assembly of Pennsylvania to amend the Constitution of the Commonwealth in time for the 2021 redistricting based on the 2020 U.S. Census with the reforms currently embodied in Senate Bill No. 22 and House Bill No. 722 and their subsequent iterations, as amended from time-to-time, that represent the intent and content of reforms, including among other things, an independent redistricting commission constituted from a defined public pool, and bound by set standards affirming districts be equal in population,

compact and contiguous, while prohibiting special interests, gerrymandering and the unnecessary reshaping of meaningful municipal subdivisions in the redistricting process.

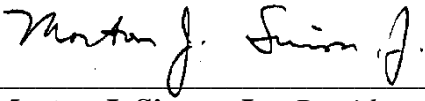
**RESOLVED** and adopted this 17<sup>th</sup> day of **May, A.D., 2017**, by the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Cheltenham, County of Montgomery, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, at its public meeting held at Curtis Hall, 1250 West Church Road, Wyncote, Pennsylvania, 19095, under my hand and the Seal of the Township of Cheltenham, in the year of the Township of Cheltenham the one hundred eighteenth.

**ATTEST:**

**TOWNSHIP OF CHELTENHAM  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**



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**Bryan T. Havir**  
*Township Manager and Secretary*

By:   
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**Morton J. Simon, Jr., President**