

**RESOLUTION NO. 196**

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF REDISTRICTING REFORM**

**WHEREAS**, the current redistricting process in the State of North Carolina creates a conflict of interest, as state legislators are effectively choosing their own constituents; and

**WHEREAS**, the redistricting process should be conducted in an open manner with real opportunities for public dialogue and feedback, not behind closed doors; and

**WHEREAS**, legislative incumbents often draw districts that are not compact and split communities of interest; and

**WHEREAS**, important principles such as the protections of the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965 and respect for neighborhoods and cities should be clearly listed for a commission to abide by in the redistricting process; and

**WHEREAS**, voters are more likely to participate when they feel that their votes will count and that they have a reasonable chance of electing candidates who represent their interests; and

**WHEREAS**, elected officials are more responsive to constituents when voters have a choice of candidates, thus increasing accountability and serving the best interests of the voters of North Carolina;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the Council of the Village of Flat Rock hereby resolves that it supports the State of North Carolina's establishment of an independent redistricting process that ensures diversity, partisan balance and geography for all future redistricting.

**ADOPTED** this 11<sup>th</sup> day of June 2015.

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Michelle Parker, CMC  
Village Clerk

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Robert V. Staton  
Mayor