Resolution to Support Redistricting Reform

WHEREAS, the current redistricting process 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; and

WHEREAS, voters are more likely to participate when they feel that their vote 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, I, John M. “Jay” Donecker, Mayor of the City of Reidsville, on behalf of the Reidsville City Council, do hereby resolve that:

The State of North Carolina should establish an independent redistricting process that ensures diversity, partisan balance and geography, for all future redistricting.

[Signature]
John M. “Jay” Donecker, Mayor
City of Reidsville

ATTEST:
Angela G. Stadler, CMC/NCCMC
City Clerk

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