

RESOLUTION

IN SUPPORT OF REDISTRICTING REFORM IN VIRGINIA

WHEREAS, the City of Martinsville supports redistricting reform in Virginia for state legislative and congressional districts; and

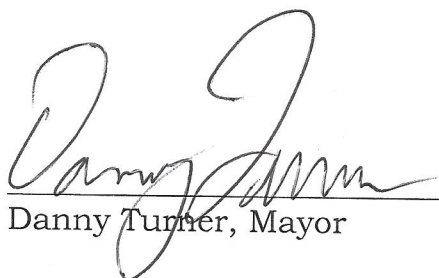
WHEREAS, the City of Martinsville maintains that transparent and non-partisan legislative districting is a reform essential to build more trustworthy, accountable, and healthy democracy for our state and nation; and

WHEREAS, the City of Martinsville maintains that redistricting reform is necessary to eliminate the conflict of interest that allows General Assembly members to pick their voters; and

WHEREAS, the City of Martinsville maintains that eliminating political data would help resolve the problem of split precincts and divided jurisdictions throughout Virginia, and

WHEREAS, action is needed now given the multi-year process required to amend the Virginia Constitution in order to institute a reformed redistricting process by the time the next redistricting occurs in 2021.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED on this 28th day of June, 2016, the Martinsville City Council supports and urges action to protect and promote democracy in Virginia through redistricting reform.



Danny Turner, Mayor

