

TOWN OF CHRISTIANSBURG

Established November 10, 1792

Incorporated January 7, 1833



RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE EFFORTS OF THE ORGANIZATION ONE VIRGINIA 2021: VIRGINIANS FOR FAIR REDISTRICTING TO DEPOLITICIZE THE REDISTRICTING PROCESS OF LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT LINES

- WHEREAS**, redistricting, the act of redrawing legislative district lines, is a necessary process that occurs after every decennial census to account for growth and settlement patterns over time with the benign goal of ensuring districts have roughly equal populations;
- WHEREAS**, the organization OneVirginia2021 supports the belief that Virginia's historical practice of redistricting by the majority party in each legislative chamber is an outdated practice that stifles political competition, discourages compromise and ensures continued control by the party in power;
- WHEREAS**, OneVirginia2021 believes that Virginia's state and congressional districts belong to its citizens and not to any legislator, interest group or political party;
- WHEREAS**, OneVirginia2021 believes the redistricting process should not be a tool used by those in power to protect and bolster their power, but should be designed with the best interest of Virginia's democracy and its citizens;
- WHEREAS**, the current redistricting process has rendered up to 90 percent of all Virginia House of Delegates and U.S. congressional districts uncompetitive;
- WHEREAS**, no disparagement is meant to any political party, since each party within the current process has been guilty of setting the boundaries to its advantage;
- WHEREAS**, the Town Council of Christiansburg, Virginia, strives to promote, adopt, and support ideas that improve the democratic process and allow for better citizen representation; and
- WHEREAS**, the need is critical to restore trust, compromise and fair competition to Virginia politics,
- NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Council of the Town of Christiansburg, Virginia, that the Council expresses its full support for the goals of OneVirginia2021: Virginians for Fair Redistricting to depoliticize the redrawing of legislative district lines with an approach that advocates for fairness, transparency and accountability, keeps the citizens' interests in mind, and encourages healthy debate and participation by the public in the process.

Upon a call for an aye or nay vote on the foregoing resolution at a regular meeting of the Council of the Town of Christiansburg, Virginia held October 28, 2014, members of the Council stood as indicated opposite their names as follows:

AYE

NAY

ABSTAIN

ABSENT

Samuel M. Bishop
R. Cord Hall
Steve Huppert
Henry D. Showalter
Bradford J. Stipes
James W. Vanhoozier
D. Michael Barber, Mayor*

*Votes only in the event of a tie.

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ATTEST:

Michele M. Stipes, Clerk of Council