

**BOROUGH OF MECHANICSBURG
RESOLUTION NO. 22-2011**

WHEREAS Article 1, Section 2 of the U. S. Constitution requires that a census be taken every 10 years for, among other purposes, apportioning the U. S. House of Representatives; and

WHEREAS census results are utilized to determine the number of congressional districts apportioned to each state; and

WHEREAS after the 2010 federal Census, Pennsylvania has 18 of the 435 members of the U. S. House of Representatives; and

WHEREAS the location of a municipality within a congressional district impacts everything from congressional representation, constituent service and advocacy, eligibility and acquisition of federal grants and highway funding, to its representation in the Presidential Electoral College; and

WHEREAS in the spirit of Article II, Section 16 of the Pennsylvania Constitution states that, regarding the reapportionment of state legislative and senatorial districts, "Unless absolutely necessary, no county, city, incorporated town, borough, township or ward shall be divided in forming either a senatorial or representative district;" and

WHEREAS Pennsylvania Congressional Reapportionment, as contained in Senate Bill 1249, printer's number 1869, as passed by the Senate of Pennsylvania by a vote of 26-24 on December 14, 2011 and passed by the Pennsylvania House of Representatives by a vote of 136-61 on December 20, 2011, not only divides Cumberland County between two separate congressional districts, but similarly divides the Borough of Mechanicsburg into the two separate districts; specifically, Mechanicsburg Borough Voting Districts 1st Ward, 2nd Ward - 1st Precinct, 3rd Ward, 4th Ward and 5th Ward are proposed to be located in the 11th Congressional District, represented by Congressman Lou Barletta of Luzerne County; and Mechanicsburg Borough Voting District 2nd Ward -- 2nd Precinct is proposed to be located in the 4th Congressional District, represented by Congressman Todd Platts of York County; and

WHEREAS out of the 961 Boroughs in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, the Borough of Mechanicsburg is one of only 11 statewide, and the only borough in Central Pennsylvania, to be inexplicably separated by political boundaries of Congressional Districts, as detailed in Senate Bill 1249.

LET IT BE RESOLVED that the Borough of Mechanicsburg, opposes the dissection of the Borough of Mechanicsburg between two separate Congressional Districts as a means to divide the community, as well as attempting to avoid the confusion and various other negative aspects associated with having a cohesive, contiguous municipality divided in such a manner; and

LET IT FURTHER BE RESOLVED that the Borough of Mechanicsburg insists that an alternative Congressional Reapportionment Plan be enacted to incorporate the Borough of Mechanicsburg, in its entirety, into one, single congressional district; and that copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the Cumberland County state legislative delegation, the members of both the State House and State Senate Committees on State Government, the Office of Governor Corbett, Congressmen Lou Barletta and Todd Platts, as well as the Office of the Prothonotary of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania.

DULY ADOPTED this 20th day of December, 2011 by the Mechanicsburg Borough Council.

ATTEST:

**MECHANICSBURG BOROUGH
COUNCIL**

Patrick E. Dennis, Borough Secretary

By _____
Rodney L. Whitcomb, Council President

APPROVED this 20th day of December, 2011

Jack C. Ritter, Mayor