

**Resolution #2018-22**

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING NOVEMBER 2018 BALLOT PROPOSAL 2

**WHEREAS**, the citizens of Michigan deserve a fair, fully transparent, and impartial process each decennial for the drawing of the State legislative and Congressional voting districts, and

**WHEREAS**, legislative and congressional redistricting has often resulted in gerrymandering of districts to favor one political party or another, and

**WHEREAS**, the current redistricting process creates a conflict of interest—as state legislators are effectively choosing their constituents with input from lobbyists and special interests; and

**WHEREAS**, the redistricting process should be conducted openly with real opportunities for public dialogue and feedback, not behind closed doors; 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 Michigan; and

**WHEREAS**, public input and involvement in the redistricting process will empower our communities allowing them to elect representatives who represent their interests on issues that are important to their lives; and

**WHEREAS**, the creation of a truly independent citizens redistricting commission devoid of political motivation or partisanship will help to ensure a transparent, fair and accurate legislative and congressional district process that uses impartial and sound methodology that respects the crucial requirements of the Michigan Constitution calling for districts that are equal in population; compact in size and respecting existing local government boundaries,

Council Member Brown moved, supported by Council Member Reed, to approve the following resolution.

**RESOLVED**, that the Albion City Council on this 1st day of October, 2018 does hereby support Proposal 2 of 2018 to establish an Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission, representative of Michigan’s diversity, partisan balance, and geography, and that will operate with transparency for all future redistricting in compliance with the U.S. Constitution and federal law, including the Voting Rights Act;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the office of the Mayor and City Manager, all elected city officials, and all elected officials representing the City of Albion at state and federal levels of government.

Date: October 1, 2018

Ayes: 6

Nays: 0

Absent: 1 (French)

I certify that this resolution was adopted by the City Council of the City of Albion on October 1, 2018.

  
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Jill Domingo  
City Clerk