

ADVOCATING FOR NON-PARTISAN REDISTRICTING IN THE STATE OF MICHIGAN

WHEREAS: Fairly drawn congressional and state legislative districts are critical to having a well-functioning democracy; and

WHEREAS: Allowing the party in power to gerrymander congressional and state legislative districts that will be in effect for the next ten years interfering with the intent of the democratic process; and

WHEREAS: Michigan is one of five states that sent a U.S. House delegation to the 113th Congress where a majority of the members of the delegation were not of the political party that received the most votes in the state's U.S. House elections; and

WHEREAS: Competitive elections lead to higher voter turnout, which ought to be a goal in any democracy; and **NOW THEREFORE BE IT**

RESOLVED: That AFT Michigan will take a leadership role in coordinating a statewide campaign to amend the Michigan Constitution to enact a non-partisan decennial congressional and state legislative redistricting process; and **NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER**

RESOLVED: That AFT Michigan will work with the goal to have such a system in place and functioning by the time of the redistricting that will occur as a result of the 2020 census; and **NOW THEREFORE BE IT FINALLY**

RESOLVED: That AFT Michigan will widely seek support in this process not just from the Michigan AFL-CIO and other unions, but also from other non-partisan, and partisan groups spanning the political spectrum.

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