



## RESOLUTION

### RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF KINSTON

#### IN SUPPORT OF REDISTRICTING REFORM

WHEREAS, the current redistricting process creates a conflict of interest-as State legislators are effectively choosing their own constituents; and

WHEREAS, the redistricting process should be conducted in an open manner with real opportunities for public dialogue and feedback, not behind closed doors; and

WHEREAS, legislative incumbents often draw districts that are not compact and split communities of interest; and

WHEREAS, important principles such as the protection of the Federal Voting Rights Act of 1965 and respect for neighborhoods and cities should be clearly listed for a Commission to abide by; and

WHEREAS, voters are more likely to participate when they feel that their vote will count and that they have a reasonable chance of electing candidates who represent their interests; 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 North Carolina.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mayor Don Hardy and the Kinston City Council do hereby resolve that:

The State of North Carolina should establish an independent redistricting process that ensures diversity of representation, protects communities of interest, and does not unduly favor one political party over the other, for all future redistricting.

Adopted this 6th day of April 2021.



A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "Don Hardy", is written over the printed name.

*Don Hardy, Mayor*