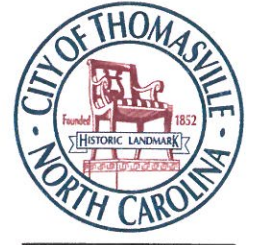




City Council

# CITY OF THOMASVILLE

P.O. Box 368  
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## RESOLUTION 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 protections 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

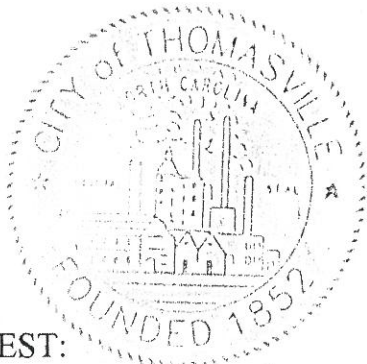
**WHEREAS**, voters are more likely to participate when they feel that their vote will count and that they have a reasonable chance of electing candidates who represent their interests; and


**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, Joe G. Bennett, Mayor of the City of Thomasville, on behalf of the Thomasville City Council, do hereby resolve that:

**The State of North Carolina should establish an independent redistricting process that ensures diversity, partisan balance and geography, for all future redistricting.**

Adopted this 17<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2015 in Thomasville, North Carolina



  
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Joe G. Bennett, Mayor  
City of Thomasville

ATTEST:

  
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Wendy S. Martin, City Clerk