

**RESOLUTION NO. 2015-7-68**



**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WHITEVILLE  
TO SUPPORT REDISTRICTING REFORM**

**WHEREAS,** the current redistricting process creates a conflicts 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

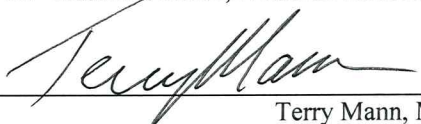
**WHEREAS,** elected officials are more responsive to constituents when voters have a choice of candidates, thus increasing accountability and serving the best interests of the voters of North Carolina; and

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Terry Mann, Mayor of the City of Whiteville, on behalf of the Whiteville City Council, do hereby resolve that:

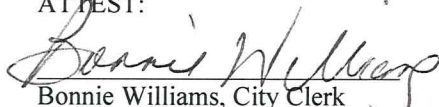
1. The State of North Carolina should establish an independent redistricting process that ensures diversity, partisan balance and geography, for all future redistricting.

**DULY ADOPTED** this 14<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2015 at Whiteville, North Carolina.

**CITY OF WHITEVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA**

  
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Terry Mann, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Bonnie Williams, City Clerk

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