



Amherst County Board of Supervisors
County Resolution No. 2026-3-R

For consideration on March 3, 2026

A RESOLUTION, NO. 2026-3-R

**A RESOLUTION IN OPPOSITION TO CONGRESSIONAL REDISTRICTING THAT DILUTES
RURAL/CONSERVATIVE REPRESENTATION.**

Approved as to form by the County Attorney

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF
AMHERST, VIRGINIA:**

- I. That the Amherst County Board of Supervisors (“Board”) is in opposition to
Congressional Redistricting.**

WHEREAS, Congressional Redistricting has significant consequences for the ability of communities to elect representatives who understand and reflect their values, priorities, and regional needs; and

WHEREAS, Amherst County is part of a distinct rural region of Central Virginia whose economic, cultural, and political interests differ substantially from those of urban and suburban areas of the commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, proposed congressional redistricting plans have raised concerns that rural/conservative communities may be divided, consolidated, or otherwise reconfigured in ways that diminish their political influence and weaken their representation in the United States House of Representatives; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors believes that fair representation requires congressional districts that respect regional integrity, preserve rural/conservative voices, and avoid politically motivated manipulation of district boundaries; and

WHEREAS, in 2020, a Constitutional Amendment was approved by the voters of Virginia creating the Virginia Redistricting Commission as set forth in Article II, Section 6-A of the Virginia Constitution; and

WHEREAS, the Virginia Redistricting Commission was established to convene in 2020, and every ten (10) years thereafter, “for the purpose of establishing districts for the U.S. House of Representatives, the Senate of Virginia and the Virginia House of Delegates”; and

WHEREAS, said amendment received broad majority support across the Commonwealth of Virginia; and

WHEREAS, the Virginia Redistricting Commission successfully put an end to partisan gerrymandering, thus creating compact and contiguous districts.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Amherst County Board of Supervisors, that the county formally opposes any congressional redistricting plan that dilutes the representation of rural/conservation communities, divides natural regions, or undermines the ability of Virginia to elect members of Congress who reflect the values and interests of its citizens.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board expresses its continued support for the Virginia Redistricting Commission as a means to preserve legislative districts that are compact, contiguous, and comply with applicable law.

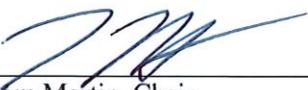
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board encourages other counties and localities across Virginia to join in expressing unified opposition to any redistricting plan that threatens the political voice of rural/conservative Virginians.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board strongly opposes the proposed redistricting plan that seeks to create and promote partisan gerrymandering and strongly urges the voters of Amherst County to oppose the Constitutional Amendment to be voted on April 21, 2026.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution shall be transmitted to the Governor, the members of the General Assembly representing Amherst County, and the Virginia Supreme Court.

II. That this resolution shall be in force and effect upon adoption.

Adopted this March 3rd, 2026.



Tom Martin, Chair
Board of Supervisors of the County of Amherst, Virginia

ATTEST:



Jeremy S. Bryant, Clerk
Board of Supervisors of the County of Amherst, Virginia

Ayes 5

Nays 0

Abstentions 0