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## RESOLUTION #2021-01 OF DURHAM, NEW HAMPSHIRE

### REQUESTING NONPARTISAN FAIR REDISTRICTING IN THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

The Town of Durham, through its Town Council, the governing and legislative body of the community, resolves as follows:

**WHEREAS**, a strong democracy depends on voters choosing their elected leaders, not the other way around; and

**WHEREAS**, redistricting maps have historically been created inappropriately to benefit one political party over another; and

**WHEREAS**, the U.S. Census will be completed in 2021; and

**WHEREAS**, the New Hampshire General Court is obligated to redraw the maps of political districts within the state for state and federal elected positions; and

**WHEREAS**, the New Hampshire General Court conducted the 2010 census redistricting in secret; and

**WHEREAS**, the redistricting process should be conducted in public, honoring principles of transparency; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Durham supports open and transparent government;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Town Council, the governing and legislative body of the Town of Durham, that it urges the New Hampshire General Court to ensure:

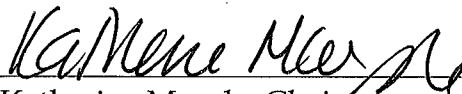
1. The process of redistricting for the State of New Hampshire shall be transparent and open to timely public disclosure and public input at all stages; and
2. Redistricting shall be designed to provide fair, nonpartisan districts that ensure effective representation; and

3. Voting maps shall not be gerrymandered to favor a political party or candidate; and
4. The Town of Durham calls upon both its own elected state legislators and all elected state legislators representing citizens across NH, to uphold these fair redistricting principles when creating state redistricting maps.

This resolution shall take effect upon its passage.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** this 11<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2021 by a Nine (9) to (Zero 0) roll call vote of the Durham Town Council as follows:

<i>Sally Tobias</i>	<u>Yes</u>	<i>Wayne Burton</i>	<u>Yes</u>
<i>Dinny Waters</i>	<u>Yes</u>	<i>James Lawson</i>	<u>Yes</u>
<i>Al Howland</i>	<u>Yes</u>	<i>Sally Needell</i>	<u>Yes</u>
<i>Katherine Marple</i>	<u>Yes</u>	<i>Andrew Corrow</i>	<u>Yes</u>
<i>Carden Welsh</i>	<u>Yes</u>		

  
Katherine Marple, Chair  
Durham Town Council

**ATTEST:**

  
Lorrie Pitt, Town Clerk