



RESOLUTION 2018 - 04

Whereas, President George Washington, in his famous “Farewell Address,” warned the American people of the danger of political organizations to the Country as a whole and that their disagreements weaken our nation; and

Whereas, the people in our Congressional and Senate Districts wish to elect Congressmen who will represent the best interests of the people of the Districts without regard to party affiliation, as the Founding Fathers of our country intended our representative form of government to function; and

Whereas, political parties, political action committees and special interests groups outside of our Congressional Districts have descended upon our Districts to promote their own agendas and interests for the purpose of influencing the outcomes of our elections in a way that is harmful to the democratic process; and

Whereas, local government is a model of American democracy and the elected officials of local government have the capability and credibility to lead their residents to make the best choices for Congress from the candidates running for Congress;

Now Therefore, the Pennsylvania State Mayors’ Association (PSMA) urge all residents to become informed about the candidates for Congress; urge involvement in the political process of electing their candidates; urge citizens to vote and to ignore the outside organizations seeking to negatively influence the election’s outcome and set an example for the rest of our country as to how we can make our nation’s Congress, a government of the people, by the people, and for the people.

Adopted this 21st day of July, 2018.