

## **Minute on Equitable Political Representation in Tennessee**

*Proposed by the Nashville Friends Meeting Peace and Justice Committee and approved by the Nashville Friends Meeting at the Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business.*

We hold that all people are equal in dignity and value, and that all people deserve strong and direct representation of and by themselves. Policies that dilute, exclude, or inhibit minority representation in the American democratic process cause harm to everyone by denying our communities both diverse input and their own representation.

These actions stand in opposition to our testimonies of equality and community.

These actions deny the majority Black population of Memphis political representation in the United States House of Representatives.

These actions disenfranchise all Tennesseans by denying us the fundamental right to participate in and be represented as ourselves, by ourselves in our democracy.

We deplore white power and supremacy and its continued use in gerrymandering across our state.

– Minute approved as amended, 24 Fifth Month 2026.