

RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KNOXVILLE SUPPORTING ROBUST ENGAGEMENT WITH AND PARTICIPATION IN THE 2020 U.S. CENSUS TO ASSURE AN ACCURATE AND COMPLETE COUNT.

RESOLUTION NO: R-85-2020

REQUESTED BY: Office of Redevelopment
PREPARED BY: Law Department

APPROVED: 3-10-2020

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WHEREAS, the 2020 U.S. Census is underway, and it is imperative that an accurate and complete count be conducted; and

WHEREAS, community leaders in Knoxville, Knox County and Farragut are working collaboratively with a wide variety of partner groups and organizations to assure that all residents are counted; and

WHEREAS, local preparations and extensive community outreach for the 2020 Census have been planned over the past several years and are now being implemented; and

WHEREAS, the Census Complete Count Committee that oversees local planning and outreach is made up of Knoxville Mayor Indya Kincannon, Knox County Mayor Glenn Jacobs and Farragut Mayor Ron Williams; representatives of City Council and County Commission; education, health, business and literacy advocates; and additional community and faith leaders; and

WHEREAS, the Complete Count Committee has authorized a working group and subcommittees to reach out to residents at risk of being undercounted and to encourage them to respond to invitations to participate in the 2020 Census; and

WHEREAS, Census data determines how political districts are drawn, and an undercount would mean that City residents are not politically represented as fully as deserved; and

WHEREAS, the Census count is used as the basis for distributing federal dollars for schools, health care, nutrition programs, senior services, roads, transit and more; and

WHEREAS, a low Census response rate and an undercount of Knoxville's residents could potentially cost the community millions of dollars in deserved federal funds.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KNOXVILLE:

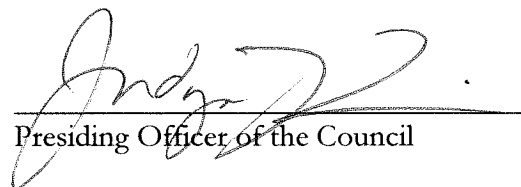
SECTION 1: The Knoxville City Council enthusiastically supports the efforts of Mayor Kincannon and the Complete Count Committee and hereby urge all residents to participate in the 2020 Census.

SECTION 2: The City Recorder is hereby directed to send a copy of this Resolution to the members of the Complete Count Committee.

SECTION 3: This Resolution shall take effect from and after its passage, the public welfare requiring it.



Recorder



Presiding Officer of the Council