

Resolution 2019-02

A RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT THE EFFORTS OF THE U.S. BUREAU OF THE CENSUS IN CENSUS 2020; TO ESTABLISH A COMPLETE COUNT COMMITTEE WITH HENRY COUNTY AND THE CITIES OF HAMPTON, MCDONOUGH AND STOCKBRIDGE; TO AUTHORIZE CITY PERSONNEL TO ENSURE COMPLETE COUNT OF THE CITY'S POPULATION AS OF APRIL 1, 2020; TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND DELIVER ANY DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO CARRY OUT THIS RESOLUTION; TO REPEAL INCONSISTENT PROVISIONS; TO PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, Census 2020 is required by the U.S. Constitution, Article 3, Section 2, to apportion the 435 members of the House of Representatives in the United States Congress; and,

WHEREAS, beginning in 2021, nearly all local, state, and federal election district boundaries will be redrawn to achieve balanced populations and, if applicable, comply with the Voting Rights Act, which mandates recognizing and protecting communities of interest; and,

WHEREAS, the Census is also the basis for the distribution of many forms of inter-governmental financial assistance; appropriations of federal and state dollars are often based on population as reported in the United States Census; and

WHEREAS, Henry County has continued to be one of the fastest growing counties in the Metropolitan Area; and

WHEREAS, Henry County recognizes the importance and value of counting each and every resident in the 2020 Census; some segments of the population have been identified as at risk for undercounting in the census, particularly individuals who may be less engaged in the civic process, are transient or homeless, have limited literacy and/or reside in nontraditional housing; and

WHEREAS, some Henry County residents at particular risk for undercounting include foreign-born residents of all nationalities, young African-American males, homeless and transient persons and individuals with limited reading proficiency; and

WHEREAS, Henry County Government has a vested interest in achieving a complete count of its population during the 2020 Census; and

WHEREAS, the appointment of the Complete Count Committee will be a joint effort between Henry County Government, all four cities; and

WHEREAS, a Complete Count Committee will bring together individuals from throughout Henry County who are committed to achieving a complete census count in Henry County in 2020, including but not limited to, the following representation: Education, Media, Religious, Specialized Populations & Business Industry; and

WHEREAS, Census 2020 data are widely used by public agencies, nonprofits, community-based organizations, and the private sector for marketing, operations, and planning; and,

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council in the exercise of their sound judgment and discretion, after giving thorough thought to all implications involved, and keeping in mind the public interest and welfare to the citizens of the City, have determined that participation in Census 2010 to be in the best interests of the citizens of the City, that this Resolution be adopted.

THEREFORE, IT IS NOW RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAMPTON, GEORGIA, AS FOLLOWS:


1. **Establishment of Complete Count Committee.** That the Hampton City Council hereby adopts this Resolution and shall appoint up to two (2) members to the Census 2020 Complete Count Committee of Henry County and the Cities of Hampton, Locust Grove, McDonough and Stockbridge to plan and implement strategies for achieving a complete count of all city and county residents on April 1, 2020, including those persons and groups at highest risk for undercount.
2. **Appointment of Members.** That each member appointed shall be a resident of Henry County with particular passion or interest in the Census or in the practice of good citizenship.
3. **Public Purpose.** The City finds that the foregoing actions constitute a major stem in preserving the health, safety, wellbeing and economic vitality of the community and are, therefore, consistent with its public purposes and powers.
4. **Attestation.** That the Hampton City Council hereby authorizes the City Clerk to attest the signature of any City official appearing on documents necessary to carry out this Resolution, to affix the official seal of the City thereto, as necessary, and to place this Resolution and any related documents among the official records of the City for future reference.
5. **Severability.** To extent any portion of this Resolution is declared to be invalid, unenforceable, or nonbinding, that shall not affect the remaining portions of this Resolution.
6. **Repeal of Conflicting Provisions.** All City resolutions are hereby repealed to the extent they are inconsistent with this Resolution.
7. **Effective Date.** This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

THIS RESOLUTION adopted this 12th day of February 2019.



STEVE HUTCHISON, MAYOR

ATTEST:



MELISSA BROOKS, CITY CLERK