

FORSYTH COUNTY

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MEETING DATE: SEPTEMBER 26, 2019 AGENDA ITEM NUMBER: 4

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE GOALS AND EFFORT OF THE UNITED STATES' CENSUS BUREAU FOR COMPLETION OF AN ACCURATE 2020 CENSUS

COUNTY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION OR COMMENTS: Recommend Approval

SUMMARY OF INFORMATION: See Attached

ATTACHMENTS: YES NO

SIGNATURE: _____ **DATE:** September 20, 2019
COUNTY MANAGER

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE GOALS AND EFFORT OF THE UNITED STATES' CENSUS BUREAU FOR COMPLETION OF AN ACCURATE 2020 CENSUS

WHEREAS the U.S. Census Bureau is required by the U.S. Constitution to conduct a complete count of the population and provides a historic opportunity to help shape the foundation of our society and play an active role in American Democracy;

WHEREAS Forsyth County is committed to ensuring every resident is counted;

WHEREAS federal and state funding is allocated to communities, and decisions are made on matters of national and local importance based, in part, on census data and housing;

WHEREAS census data helps determine how many seats each state will have in the U.S. House of Representatives and is necessary for an accurate and fair redistricting of state legislative seats, and county commissioner and city council voting districts;

WHEREAS information from the 2020 Census and American Community Survey is vital for economic development and increased employment;

WHEREAS the information collected by the census is confidential and protected by law;

WHEREAS a united voice from business, government, community-based and faith-based organizations, educators, media, and others will enable the 2020 Census message to reach more of our residents;

WHEREAS the Census count requires extensive work, and the Census Bureau requires partners at the state and local level to insure a complete and accurate count; and

WHEREAS Forsyth County and the City of Winston-Salem's joint Complete Count Committee will bring together a cross section of community members who will utilize their local knowledge and expertise to reach out to all persons of our community;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Forsyth County is committed to partnering with the City of Winston-Salem, the U.S. Census Bureau, and the State of North Carolina and will:

1. Support the goals for the 2020 Census and will disseminate 2020 Census information;
2. Encourage all County residents to participate in events and initiatives that will raise the overall awareness of the 2020 Census and increase participation;
3. Provide Complete County Committee and Census advocates to speak to County and Community Organizations;
4. Support census takers as they help our County complete an accurate count; and
5. Strive to achieve a complete and accurate count of all persons within our borders.

Adopted this 26th day of September 2019.