

DURHAM BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Resolution

RESOLUTION OF SUPPORTING FOR THE 2020 CENSUS

- WHEREAS,** The Constitution of the United States of America requires the U. S. Census Bureau to conduct a count of the population and provide an opportunity for local governments to help shape the foundation of our society; and
- WHEREAS,** Durham County Government is committed to working with the entire community to ensure every resident is counted in the upcoming 2020 Census; and
- WHEREAS,** in 2010, Durham County had a Census response rate of 75%, but in 2020 officials have set a goal of 82%; and
- WHEREAS,** the Census brings \$675 Billion in federal funds to communities across the country for programs that support highways, health care, affordable housing, community development, home energy assistance, nutrition for women, infants and children, education and more; and
- WHEREAS,** specifically North Carolina annually receives \$16 Billion or \$1,623 per capita for the largest Federal Assistance Programs because of Census-derived data; and
- WHEREAS,** Census data determines the number of seats each state will have in the U. S. House of Representatives in addition to the redistricting of state legislatures, county and city councils and voting districts; and
- WHEREAS,** the Census creates hundreds of thousands of jobs across our nation thereby improving local economies; and
- WHEREAS,** those who work for the Census Bureau must take a lifetime oath to protect confidentiality and ensure that data identifying respondents of their households must not be released or shared; and
- WHEREAS,** the 2020 Census will feature new technology that will allow respondents to answer Census questions online in addition to by phone or on paper; and
- WHEREAS,** shortly, a united voice from business, government, educators, non-profits, faith leaders, media and others will work to develop and market the 2020 Census across the entire community to raise overall awareness and to increase participation among all populations.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we the members of the Durham County Board of Commissioners do hereby support the ideals and goals of the 2020 Census and will market and share 2020 Census information to encourage increased participation, partner with local stakeholders to support efforts for counting each person living in Durham to achieve an accurate and complete count, and work to raise awareness about the programs and services made possible by the Census.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we the members of the Durham County Board of Commissioners do hereby set a Census County Goal of 82% or higher for the 2020 Census.

This 8th day of April 2019.

Wendy Jacobs, Chair

James Hill, Jr., Vice-Chair

Heidi Carter

Brenda A. Howerton

Ellen Reckhow

