

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF CLACKAMAS COUNTY, STATE OF OREGON**

In the Matter of Affirming Clackamas
County's Dedication to an Accurate
2020 Census Count

Resolution No. 2019-28

Whereas, the decennial census is mandated by the US Constitution and has been conducted every year since 1790 to produce an accurate count of federal, state, and local populations that leads to informed decision-making by elected representatives; and

Whereas, businesses use census data to decide which population centers to base industries, build offices, and open stores within, leading to local job growth; and

Whereas, census data is utilized for the redrawing of congressional maps that assure proper representation based on population, and that with a proper and accurate census count, Oregon is expected to gain one seat in the House of Representatives due to growth; and

Whereas, census data has a direct impact on the allocation of approximately \$883 billion in federal funds, grants and supports to states, counties, and communities, including Medicaid, Medicare, highway planning, supplemental nutrition assistance, housing vouchers, school lunch, and countless others; and

Whereas, it is known that certain groups and populations have historically been undercounted and therefore underrepresented in our democratic system of government and in the funding received by cities, counties, schools and other public agencies seeking to serve their entire populations; and

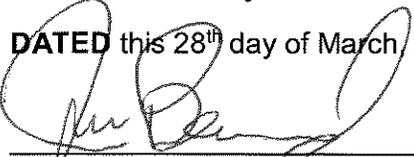
Whereas, in order to encourage public involvement and ensure a complete count of communities, individual census records are confidential and protected for 72 years; and

Whereas, Clackamas County staff are in close coordination with representatives from Multnomah and Washington counties, and will continue to be, to collaborate on efforts aimed at ensuring an accurate census.

NOW THEREFORE, the Clackamas County Board of County Commissioners resolves as follows:

1. Each county supports the goals and ideals of the census, and will independently conduct robust public awareness and educational campaigns up to, on, and after the nationally-recognized "Census Day" on April 1, 2020
2. General populations will be urged to take the census online, which lowers the overall cost of conducting the census.
3. Members of historically undercounted populations will be specifically reached out to, in order to ensure they are confidentially yet fully recognized as members of the community.

DATED this 28th day of March, 2019



Chair



Recording Secretary