A Resolution Recognizing the Importance of the 2020 Census

WHEREAS the U.S. Census Bureau is required by the U.S. Constitution to conduct a 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 (*name of municipality or 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, county and municipal councils, and voting districts;

WHEREAS information from the 2020 Census and American Community Survey are vital tools 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 citizens;

Now, therefore, **BE IT RESOLVED** by (*name of city or count governing body):*

That (*name of municipality or county*) is committed to partnering with the U.S. Census Bureau and the State of New Jersey and will:

1. Support the goals and ideals for the 2020 Census and will disseminate 2020 Census information.
2. Encourage all (*name of municipality or county)* residents to participate in events and initiatives that will raise the overall awareness of the 2020 Census and increase participation.
3. Provide Census advocates to speak to (*Municipality or County)* and Community Organizations. Support census takers as they help our (M*unicipality or County)* complete an accurate count.
4. Strive to achieve a complete and accurate count of all persons within our borders

PASSED AND ADOPTED by (*name of city or count governing body and date)*