



Legislation Text

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Census Awareness Day Proclamation

PURPOSE/BACKGROUND:

Every ten years, the United States Constitution mandates a count of all the people living in the United States and its territories-the 2020 Census will address every household in the nation with a simple questionnaire. Data obtained by the survey will be compiled and a formal report will be submitted to the President of the United States by December 31, 2020. The data will help determine how approximately \$675 billion dollars is distributed from the federal government to state, local, and tribal governments annually. The information will also be used in the redistricting of legislative districts and the reapportionment of Congressional seats held by individual states in the United States House of Representatives. The Commission will enlist a broad range of stakeholders and representatives of constituencies that have historically been considered "hard-to-count" populations, to educate communities and promote the census. The group will collaborate with community partners and local Complete Count Committees to ensure an accurate 2020 Census count.

Discussion:

See Purpose/Background above.

Impact:

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Recommendation:

No action required.

WHEREAS, every ten years, Article 1, Section 2 of the United States Constitution mandates a count of all the people living in the United States and its territories; and

WHEREAS, the 2020 Census will address every household in the nation with a simple questionnaire with the goal of counting everyone once, only once, and in the right place; and

WHEREAS, data obtained by the survey will be used to help determine how approximately \$675 billion will be distributed from the federal government to state, local, and tribal governments annually; and

WHEREAS, up to \$2,000 of federal funding will be lost for each person not counted; as well as upwards of \$20,000 of federal funding lost every ten years; and

WHEREAS, a complete count requires that we bring together leaders from all communities of the Commonwealth, so that every Virginian regardless of racial, social, or economic background is counted; and

WHEREAS, Governor Ralph S. Northam has established the Virginia Complete Count Commission, which is comprised of 40 members to collaborate with community partners and local Complete Count Committees to ensure an accurate 2020 Census count;

NOW, THEREFORE, the City of Hampton, Virginia, hereby proclaims April 1st, 2019, as Census Awareness Day.