

Creating a Census 2020 Complete Count Committee

RESOLUTION #11 of 2019

A RESOLUTION CREATING A CENSUS 2020 COMPLETE COUNT COMMITTEE TO PLAN AND CONDUCT LOCAL EDUCATIONAL INITIATIVES, PUBLICITY AND PROMOTIONAL ACTIVITIES TO INCREASE COMMUNITY AWARENESS AND PARTICIPATION IN THE 2020 CENSUS

WHEREAS, the United States of America has performed a nationwide census every ten years since 1790, with the last census being in 2010; and

WHEREAS, an accurate census is essential for the allocation of representatives to serve in the legislative bodies of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Pennsylvania State Legislature, and within the Clarion County voting districts; and

WHEREAS, accurate census information is critical to planning for future growth, development, and the social needs of Clarion County; and

WHEREAS, the more informed that residents become about the 2020 census operations, the better their understanding of the census process becomes, thus increasing their willingness to the 2020 Census; and

WHEREAS, the Census Bureau is not permitted to publicly release responses furnished by any individual, or on behalf of an individual, or release information to other governmental agencies, including the Internal Revenue Service, the Immigration and Naturalization Service, law enforcement agencies or welfare agencies. In addition, per the Federal Cybersecurity Enhancement Act of 2015, census data is protected from cybersecurity risks through screening of the systems that transmit this data; and

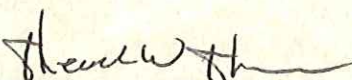
WHEREAS, the purpose of the Complete Count Committee will be to advise and assist Clarion County in obtaining the most accurate and complete population count for Census 2020 by increasing the number of County responses through a focused, structured neighbor-to-neighbor program. The committee will also utilize the local knowledge, expertise and influence of each committee member to design and implement a census awareness campaign targeted to the Clarion County community.

THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Clarion County, Pennsylvania that:


1. A Census 2020 Complete Count Committee is hereby established to advise and assist Clarion County in obtaining the most accurate and complete population count for Census 2020.
2. The Committee shall discuss and formulate strategies and techniques, working with County staff and census bureau officials, to enhance and increase the response rate to Census 2020. The Committee shall be responsible for planning and conducting local educational initiatives, and for preparing of obtaining posters, flyers and handouts for use by the media and others. The Committee will also prepare materials for public service announcements on radio and social media.
3. The Committee shall consist of representatives from Clarion University, Clarion County school districts, United Way, Clarion Hospital, Economic Development, Municipalities throughout Clarion County, the Clarion Chamber of Commerce, and more. The Clarion County Board of Commissioners shall also serve on the board along with other Clarion County employees such as the Treasurer and representatives from Emergency Management, Planning, GIS, and Veterans' Affairs.
4. The Committee members shall serve from April 2019 through and including August 2020 at which time the Committee, having completed its work, shall dissolve, unless extended by the Board of County Commissioners. No resolution dissolving or rescinding the committee is necessary.
5. Meetings. The Committee shall meet as needed.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS 23rd DAY OF APRIL, 2019.

Clarion County Board of Commissioners


Theodore W. Tharan, Chair


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