

City of Hammond Resolution # _____
2020 Census Partnership and Complete Count Committee

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; and

WHEREAS the City of Hammond is committed to ensuring every resident is counted; and

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; and

WHEREAS census data helps determine how many seats each state will have in the U.S. House of Representatives and is necessary for the an accurate and fair redistricting of state legislative seats, Parish and city councils and voting districts; and

WHEREAS information from the 2020 Census and American Community Survey are vital tools for economic development and increased employment; and

WHEREAS the information collected by the census is confidential and protected by law; and

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; and

WHEREAS the Census count requires extensive work, and the Census Bureau requires partners at the state and local level to insure a complete and accurate count; and

WHEREAS the City of Hammond Complete Count Committee will bring together a cross section of community members who will utilize their local knowledge and expertise to reach out to all persons of our community; and

WHEREAS the City of Hammond Complete Count Committee will work with the Census Bureau, the Parish of Tangipahoa and the State of Louisiana to strive for an accurate count.

Now, therefore, **BE IT RESOLVED** that:

A. The City of Hammond is committed to partnering with the U.S. Census Bureau, the Parish of Tangipahoa and the State of Louisiana and will:

1. Support the goals and ideals for the 2020 Census and will disseminate 2020 Census information.
2. Encourage all City 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 City and Community Organizations.
4. Support census takers as they help our City complete an accurate count.
5. Strive to achieve a complete and accurate count of all persons within City limits.

B. The City of Hammond hereby establishes a 2020 Census Complete Count Committee consisting of six (6) members, with one member appointed by each City Council Member and one member appointed by the Mayor. The Mayor's appointment shall serve as chairman of the committee. The committee shall serve until the 2020 census is completed.

Adopted at Hammond, Louisiana, this _____ day of July, 2019.

Tonia Banks
Council Clerk

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Council President