

RESOLUTION 30-2018

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BENSON, ARIZONA, TO PARTICIPATE IN THE CENSUS 2020 COMPLETE COUNT COMMITTEE AND TO ENCOURAGE EVERY PERSON TO BE COUNTED

WHEREAS, the United States Constitution requires a Census of the population of our nation every 10 years. The Federal Government uses the Census information to determine how many Representatives the State of Arizona has in the United States House of Representatives, and the State Government uses the information to determine districting in our State Legislature; and

WHEREAS, individual Census records are confidential and protected under Title 13 of the United States Code. Under the census laws, the Department of Commerce and its Bureau of the Census are prohibited from sharing individual Census information with any other agency, including for example, immigration or law enforcement agencies; and

WHEREAS, having an accurate and complete Census count is important to the City of Benson in determining Federal and State aids and grants, economic development, housing assistance, transportation improvements and many other uses; and

WHEREAS, all units of government, large and small corporations, non-profit organizations, religious organization and local businesses of all sizes rely on available information on population and family size, and income data to further government investment, job development, and marketing guidance and to determine the impact of education, health, and social programs; and

WHEREAS, the City of Benson, City of Willcox, City of Sierra Vista, Town of Huachuca City, City of Tombstone, City of Bisbee, City of Douglas and Cochise County have each pledged that every resident of Cochise County counts and deserves to be counted, and their participation in the Census 2020 Complete County Committee reflects their ideals in furtherance of that pledge; and

WHEREAS, a united voice for businesses, government, community-based and faith-based organizations, educators, media and others will allow the 2020 Census message to reach a broader audience, and Complete Count Committees are a core strategic element of the Census Bureau to promote the Census; and

WHEREAS, Complete Count Committees exist to plan and implement locally-based outreach campaigns that raise awareness of the Census and are comprised of trusted voices in the community

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Benson, Arizona that the City hereby:

- Recognizes the importance of the 2020 Census and hereby establishes the City's participation in the regional Cochise County Complete Count Committee.
- Asks its affiliates and membership to partner together to achieve an accurate and complete count.

- Encourages membership and affiliates to participate in events and initiatives including local Complete Count Committees that will raise overall awareness of the 2020 Census and increase participation among all populations.
- Will promote Census 2020 Jobs through all means the City determines to be effective.
- Will use 2020 Census drop-in articles, messages and logos in appropriate newsletters, mailings and other in-house communications.
- Will provide a link to the 2020 Census website from the City of Benson website.

The City Council further RESOLVES that every Cochise County resident counts and deserves to be counted.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BENSON, ARIZONA, this 22nd day of October, 2018.



TONEY D. KING, SR., Mayor

ATTEST:



VICKI L. VIVIAN, CMC, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



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