

RESOLUTION 18-__

A RESOLUTION OF THE COCHISE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS 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 Cochise County 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, Cochise County, the City of Benson, City of Wilcox, City of Sierra Vista, Town of Huachuca City, City of Tombstone, City of Bisbee, and City of Douglas 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 COCHISE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AS FOLLOWS:

- The Board recognizes the importance of the 2020 Census and establishes the County's participation in the regional Cochise County Complete Count Committee.
- The Board asks its affiliates and membership to partner together to achieve an accurate and complete count.
- The Board 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.
- The Board will promote Census 2020 Jobs through all means the County determines to be effective.
- The Board will use 2020 Census drop-in articles, messages and logos in appropriate newsletters, mailings and other in-house communications.
- The Board will provide a link to the 2020 Census website from the Cochise County website.

PASSED AND ADOPTED, this ____ day of _____, 2018.

Peggy Judd, Chair
Cochise County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Arlethe G. Rios
Clerk of the Board

Elda E. Orduño
Civil Deputy County Attorney