



Proclamation

CENSUS DAY – APRIL 1, 2020

OFFICE OF THE
MAYOR
CITY OF SAN LUIS

WHEREAS, Article 1, Section 2 of the Constitution of the United States has mandated, since the year 1790, that a census of the population occur every ten (10) years with the next census scheduled for April 1, 2020; and

WHEREAS, residents, for the first time in census history, will have the option of responding to the census by computer, mobile device, telephone, or traditional paper questionnaire; and

WHEREAS, it is vital that all households in San Luis, Arizona complete and submit a census form as population numbers are used for determining the allocation of billions of dollars of federal and state funding for programs such as public health, housing assistance, education, and transportation; for fair and accurate redistricting of voting districts; and for determining the number of seats in the U.S. House of Representatives; and

WHEREAS, businesses, local governments, real estate developers, and city planners use the data collected in a variety of ways to support community initiatives, build factories and offices, plan new schools and hospitals, and develop new homes and revitalize old neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, for every resident that does not respond to the census, the city will risk a significant loss of federal and state funding over the ten years period following the census; and

WHEREAS, the City of San Luis created the San Luis Complete Count Committee, with the mission of creating awareness of the 2020 Census toward achieving an accurate and complete populations count with the goal of maximizing the response rate to the census among all residents of the city in every level; and

WHEREAS, in pursuing its mission and goal, the San Luis Complete Count Committee have begun implementing its “2020 Census Action Plan” which includes an approach and methodology to establish census partnerships; reach the traditionally undercounted and non-responders to the census; and to address common barriers in responding to the census; and

WHEREAS, the information collected by the U.S. Census Bureau is confidential and protected by law and any data related to the census can only be released in aggregate form that does not identify individual respondents; and

WHEREAS, the city's motto for the 2020 Census shall be "¡Todos Contamos!"; and

WHEREAS, we believe every single person in San Luis counts.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Gerardo Sanchez, Mayor of the City of San Luis, Arizona, do hereby proclaim April 1, 2020 as Census Day and encourage every resident to promptly respond to the 2020 Census, as everyone counts; it's in the Constitution; it's safe; it's easy; it's a civic duty; and it's vitally important to every resident of San Luis for now and in the future.

PASS AND ADOPTED this 25th day of March 2020.

Gerardo Sanchez, Mayor

ATTEST:

Sonia Cornelio, City Clerk