



Board of Commissioners of Cook County

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Legislation Text

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PROPOSED RESOLUTION

SUPPORTING THE UNITED STATES CENSUS AND THE ILLINOIS COMPLETE COUNT COMMITTEE AND ENCOURAGING COOK COUNTY TO DEVELOP ITS OWN CENSUS OUTREACH STRATEGY

WHEREAS, the Constitution of the United States requires an enumeration of the population every 10 years to apportion congressional representation among the states; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 141 of Title 13 of the United States Code, the next federal decennial census of the population will be taken on the first day of April in 2020; and

WHEREAS, a complete and accurate count of Illinois' population is essential to the State because the census count determines congressional representation, state redistricting, federal grant formula allocation, and the distribution of state grant and subsidy funds for an entire decade until the next decennial census is taken; and

WHEREAS, currently there are over 63 federal programs benefiting Cook County that use census enumeration and population numbers as part of their funding formulas, including formulas for education, health, and human services programs; and

WHEREAS, the United States Census Bureau will endeavor to count every person in the nation, and many states and counties will be initiating programs and initiatives to promote the census; and

WHEREAS, it is vitally important for Illinois and Cook County to do everything they can to ensure that every resident in Illinois and Cook County is counted in the 2020 United States Census; and

WHEREAS, Cook County will work and partner with Illinois in an intergovernmental manner to support, advance and implement the objectives and goals of Illinois Senate Joint Resolution 29, which creates the Illinois Complete Count Commission to develop, recommend, and assist in the administration of a census outreach strategy to encourage full participation in the 2020 federal decennial census of population required by Section 141 of Title 13 of the United States Code; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the President and Members of the Cook County Board of Commissioners that Cook County shall develop a comprehensive census outreach strategy in Cook County that shall include, but not be limited to, Cook County agency and department initiatives to encourage participation in the 2020 census, the establishment and support of school-based outreach programs, partnerships with philanthropic organizations, non-profit community-based organizations, and multi-lingual, multi-media campaigns designed to ensure an accurate and complete count of Cook County's population; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Cook County Bureau of Economic Development shall report to the Board of Commissioners by September 30, 2016 regarding actions taken to plan for and/or implement that comprehensive census outreach strategy.