



State of North Carolina

ROY COOPER
GOVERNOR

CENSUS DAY

2020

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the 2020 Census counts the population in the United States and five United States territories; Article 1, Section 2 of the United States Constitution mandates that a complete count of the nation's population be conducted every ten years; and

WHEREAS, census data will determine how the federal government distributes more than \$800 billion in funding, with an estimated \$16 billion allocated for North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, census data supports funding for community programs and services as well as critical economic development and infrastructure including housing, roads, public transportation, parks, schools and more; and

WHEREAS, census data ensures fair congressional representation in the United States House of Representatives and in redistricting state legislatures, with North Carolina predicted to gain an additional congressional seat after the 2020 Census; and

WHEREAS, individual data collected by the census is confidential and protected by law for 72 years, and cannot be shared with service providers, other government agencies or law enforcement; and

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Complete Count Commission has worked statewide with census partners to raise awareness for the importance of a complete and accurate census count, to provide educational resources to all residents, and to reach historically "hard to count" populations including young children, low-income individuals, military personnel, non-native English speakers, minorities, and rural residents; and

WHEREAS, the 2020 Census questionnaire may be completed online using any mobile device or wherever internet access is available, or by phone or mail, with support offered in more than 50 languages; and

WHEREAS, it is important that every person living in North Carolina has a voice and is counted, regardless of age, race, citizenship, voter registration, religion, place of residence or family status;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim April 1, 2020, as "CENSUS DAY" in North Carolina, and commend its observance to all citizens.



Roy Cooper
Governor

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina at the Capitol in Raleigh this thirty-first of March in the year of our Lord two thousand and twenty and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-fourth.