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Office of the Governor

PROCLAMATION

* CENSUS 2000 AWARENESS DAY *

WHEREAS, the Census is vital to our Arizona communities in that it determines the apportionment of seats in the United States House of Representatives and the State Legislature. It is the basis for the allocation of billions of dollars of federal, state and county funds for social and other programs; and

WHEREAS, the Census is also used to help determine where to locate schools, day care centers, senior citizen centers, hospitals and other facilities, and to make decisions concerning business growth and jobs; and

WHEREAS, Census information is confidential and federal law prohibits any public or private agency from gaining access to confidential Census data; and

WHEREAS, in Arizona, we are committed to a full and accurate Census count and are placing special emphasis on enumerating members of population groups traditionally undercounted; and

WHEREAS, in Arizona, we are committed to partnering with the U. S. Census Bureau in preparing for Census 2000 through address list updates, census map corrections and judicial boundary updates; and

WHEREAS, in Arizona we shall work with key stakeholders within our communities—including elected officials, planners, community based organizations, business groups, religious institutions and members of media—to ensure the most complete possible enumerating of our people;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jane Dee Hull, Governor of the State of Arizona, do hereby proclaim Census 2000 as a top priority for all departments and appointed officials, and encourage the community to place an emphasis within our jurisdiction on partnering with the U. S. Census Bureau to achieve an accurate and complete count in Census 2000.

FOR THESE SIGNIFICANT REASONS, I, JANE DEE HULL, Governor of the State of Arizona, do hereby proclaim April 6, 1999 as:

*CENSUS 2000 AWARENESS DAY *

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Arizona

Jane Dee Hull, Governor

DONE at the Capitol in Phoenix on this fifth day of April in the year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Ninety-nine and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Twenty-third.

ATTEST: Betsey Bayless, Secretary of State

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Yavapai County Board of Supervisors

April 16, 1999

Susan A. Lavin, Regional Director
U. S. Department of Commerce
Bureau of the Census
11177 W. 8th Avenue, 1st Floor
Lakewood, CO 80215-5539

Dear Ms. Lavin:

At its April 5, 1999, meeting, the Board of Supervisors voted unanimously to approve Resolution No. 1169, A Resolution of the Yavapai County Board of Supervisors Pledging Participating in the Census 2000 Complete Count Committee. A copy of the resolution is enclosed for your information.

Currently, the Complete Count Committee is active in the "tri-city" area of Yavapai County, which includes the City of Prescott and the Towns of Prescott Valley and Chino Valley. However, we anticipate that a Complete Count Committee will also be established in the Verde Valley area of our County, which includes the Cities of Cottonwood and Sedona, and the Towns of Jerome, Clarkdale and Camp Verde. While the County will participate in these committees, our focus will be on providing census information to the unincorporated and rural portions of the County.

If you have any questions regarding Yavapai County's participation, please feel free to call me at the above number, or our representative on the Complete Count Committee, Vincent Gallegos, at (520) 771-3214.

Sincerely,

Bev Staddon
Clerk of the Board

Yavapai County Board of Supervisors

A RESOLUTION OF THE YAVAPAI COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS PLEDGING PARTICIPATION IN THE CENSUS 2000 COMPLETE COUNT COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, will conduct a decennial census in the year 2000; and

WHEREAS, census statistics are used for a variety of purposes which benefit the citizenry of the United States, the State of Arizona, and the County of Yavapai, not the least of which is apportionment of membership in the United States House of Representatives and apportionment of membership in the Arizona State Legislature; and

WHEREAS, for the above stated reasons as well as for the benefits that census statistics provide for citizens' groups, business and education, it is imperative that every effort be made to encourage participation by all residents of the County; and

WHEREAS, Census information is confidential and federal law prohibits any public or private agency from gaining access to confidential Census data; and

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, has asked local governments to partner with it in order to ensure that all residents are counted in the 2000 census, with a special focus on those population groups which have traditionally been undercounted,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Yavapai County Board of Supervisors pledges to participate in the Census 2000 Complete Count Committee and to use the information derived from such participation to encourage participation by all County residents through a campaign for public awareness, especially directed to those in the unincorporated and rural areas of the County.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 5th day of April, 1999.

A. G. Davis

Chairman, Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

Bev Staddon

Clerk, Board of Supervisor

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City of Mesa

RESOLUTION NO. 7421

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MESA, MARICOPA COUNTY, ARIZONA, SUPPORTING THE UNITED STATES CENSUS BUREAU'S DESIRE TO CONDUCT A COMPLETE AND ACCURATE COUNT OF ALL MESA'S RESIDENTS AS OF APRIL 1, 2000.

WHEREAS, a decennial census of every resident is required under Article I, Section 2 of the U. S. Constitution; and

WHEREAS, an accurate census is essential for the allocation of representation with the legislative bodies of the U. S. House of Representatives, the Arizona State Legislature and within Arizona city and county voting districts; and

WHEREAS, billions of dollars each year in intergovernmental funding for health, education, transportation, child and elder care, emergency preparation and response, public works and social support of all kinds depends on complete and accurate age, population and other ethnic and demographic information gathered every ten years; and

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

WHEREAS, individual and family information is held completely confidential by strong federal laws supported by consistent court rulings at all levels and is never released even to other unites of local, state or federal governments except in large statistical totals, or to family members after 72 years for genealogical purposes only;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MESA, MARICOPA COUNTY, ARIZONA, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1: We do hereby endorse and fully support the United States Census Bureau's desire to conduct a complete and accurate count of all U. S. residents as of April 1, 2000; and

Section 2: We further urge our residents to join with us in enthusiastically supporting Census 2000 and urging those with whom we have contact or influence to assist the U. S. Census Bureau in every way possible, and to return the census questionnaires promptly and accurately so that Census 2000 can be the most accurate and most efficiently conducted resident count ever conducted.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Mesa, Maricopa County, Arizona, this 3rd day of August, 1999.

APPROVED:

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk

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City of Flagstaff

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the next *Decennial Census* will be taken in the Year 2000; and political representation to the United States House of Representatives, state legislatures, and local governments is determined by the *Decennial Census*, and the City of Flagstaff recognizes the equal importance of each resident in the 2000 Census Count; and

WHEREAS, the City of Flagstaff has agreed to be one of 39,000 government entities in partnerships with the United States Bureau of the Census; and

WHEREAS, the City of Flagstaff understands that its primary role in this partnership is to formulate a *Complete Count Committee* that should include but is not limited to the following subcommittees: *Government, Education, Media, Religion, Community-based Organizations, Business Recruiting, and Special Housing*; and

WHEREAS, the role of the *Government* subcommittee is to bridge all gaps between the community and the Census Bureau on geographic matters, outreach activities, and information centers; and

WHEREAS, the role of the *Education* subcommittee is to create census awareness programs for pre-kindergarten to college age students, coalesce with educational institutions, distribute Census Bureau Educational Programs, and to encourage parents and college-age students to apply for Census jobs; and

WHEREAS, the role of the *Media* subcommittee is to utilize all aspects (print and electronic) of its industry to inform, motivate, and educate the City's residents in the necessity and importance of their rapid response and 100% participation in Census 2000; and

WHEREAS, the role of the *Religion* subcommittee is to form a cross-denominational coalition for the dissemination of Census information, inclusion of special announcements in church bulletins and sermons, hosting of Census awareness activities, and circulation of Census job opening bulletins; and

WHEREAS, the role of the *Community-based Organizations* subcommittee is to make the community aware of the many ways Census data are used to obtain funding for essential services and programs; and

WHEREAS, the role of the *Business* subcommittee is to encourage all area business to advertise the Census message in sales advertisements, promotional materials and displays, and to sponsor Census 2000 community awareness activities; and

WHEREAS, the role of the *Recruiting* subcommittee is to receive and disseminate to all segments of the community information regarding the availability of Census jobs in the local area; and

WHEREAS, the role of the *Special Housing* subcommittee is to assist in the location of shelters, soup kitchens, non-sheltered outdoor locations, group quarters, and other non-conventional housing facilities;

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NOW THEREFORE, I, CHRISTOPHER J. BAVASI, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF FLAGSTAFF, ARIZONA, do hereby proclaim full support of and participation in the overwhelming success of Census 2000 through the formulation of a *Complete Count Committee*.

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City of Surprise

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the Census is vital to our community in that it determines the apportionment of seats in the United States House of Representatives and the State Legislature, and is the basis for the allocation of billions of dollars of Federal, State, and County funds for social and other programs; and

WHEREAS, the Census is also used to help determine where to locate schools, day care centers, senior citizens centers, hospitals, and other facilities and is used to make decisions concerning business growth and jobs; and

WHEREAS, Census information is confidential and Federal law prohibits any public or private agency from gaining access to confidential Census data; and

WHEREAS, in Surprise we are committed to a full and accurate Census count and are placing special emphasis on enumerating members of population groups traditionally undercounted; and

WHEREAS, in Surprise we are committed to partnering together with the U. S. Census bureau in preparing for Census 2000 through address list updates, census map corrections, and jurisdictional boundary updates; and

WHEREAS, in Surprise we shall form a *Census 2000 Complete Count Committee* composed of key stakeholders within our communities, including elected officials, planners, community based organizations, business groups, religious institutions, and members of the media;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the City of Surprise, Arizona, do hereby declare Census 2000 a top priority for all departments and appointed officials, and encourages the community to place an emphasis on partnering together with the U. S. Census Bureau in achieving an accurate and complete count in Census 2000.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 24th day of June, 1999.

Joan H. Shafer – Mayor

Resolution 99-54