

RESOLUTION NO.: 29 -2020
INTRODUCED BY: THOMAS

A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE IMPORTANCE AND SIGNIFICANCE OF THE 2020 CENSUS TO THE PEOPLE OF RICHMOND HEIGHTS AND ENCOURAGING OUR CITIZENS, OUR FAMILIES, AND ALL OF OUR HOUSEHOLDS THROUGHOUT THE CITY TO PARTICIPATE IN THE 2020 CENSUS TO ASSURE A COMPLETE AND ACCURATE COUNT.

WHEREAS, the Constitution of the United States requires an actual enumeration of the population every ten years;

WHEREAS, the decennial census is a responsibility of the Federal Government, mandated by section 2 of article I of the Constitution of the United States;

WHEREAS, the 2020 count started in remote Alaska in January 2020 and elsewhere in the United States in March 2020, including Ohio;

WHEREAS the goal of the 2020 Census is to eliminate the undercounting and overcounting of specific population groups, problems that were apparent in previous censuses;

WHEREAS, the 2020 Census is quick, safe, and easy to complete;

WHEREAS, under section 2108(b) of title 44, United States Code:

(1) the confidentiality of all personally identifiable information from the decennial census is protected from public disclosure for 72 years;

(2) the Bureau of the Census is prohibited from sharing any personally identifiable information from the decennial census with any other government agency, including law enforcement and courts of law, or any private entity, for any purpose; and

(3) the information collected through the decennial census is used for statistical purposes only;

WHEREAS, the decennial census is a cornerstone of the representative democracy of the United States, as the data collected through the decennial census:

(1) is the basis for apportioning among the States seats in the House of Representatives; and

(2) is provided to the States for drawing congressional and legislative district lines;

WHEREAS, complete and accurate census data will help ensure that resources for education, health care, rural development, workforce training, housing, transportation, and other matters are allocated fairly and accurately;

WHEREAS, businesses use census data to guide investment in job-creating initiatives, such as the building of new production facilities, and in choosing where to locate new retail and service outlets;

WHEREAS, in 2020, responding to the census will be easier than ever, as the census form will be available online for the first time and households may choose to respond online, over the phone, or through the mail;

WHEREAS, a complete and accurate census requires the fullest possible participation from all residents of the United States and the City of Richmond Heights:

NOW, THEREFORE, Be it Resolved by the Council of the City of Richmond Heights, State of Ohio, that:

Section 1: It is the civic duty of the people of the City of Richmond Heights to help ensure that the 2020 Census is as accurate as possible.


Section 2. All local civic organizations, religious institutions, city schools, local business enterprises, cultural and fraternal organizations, neighborhood groups, and political parties should work together as partners to inform the public that the 2020 Census is safe, easy, and important.

Section 3. The people of Richmond Heights should plan to respond to the 2020 Census to help ensure that all people living in a household in the United States, including young children, are counted.

Section 4: It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Council and all deliberations of this Council and any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

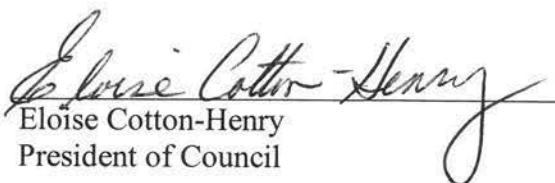
Section 4: This Resolution shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

PASSED: April 14, 2020


David H. Roche, Mayor

APPROVED: April 14, 2020

ATTEST: Betsy Traben
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Clerk of Council


Eloise Cotton-Henry
President of Council