

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-023

Establishing Multnomah County, Oregon's dedication to an accurate and complete 2020 U.S. Census count.

The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Finds:

- a. The decennial census is mandated by the U.S. Constitution and has been conducted every year since 1790 to produce an accurate count of federal, state, and local populations that leads to informed decision-making by elected representatives; and
- b. Businesses use census data to decide which population centers to base industries, build offices, and open stores within, leading to local job growth; and
- c. Census data is utilized for the redrawing of congressional maps that assure proper representation based on population, and that with a proper and accurate census count, Oregon is expected to gain one seat in the House of Representatives due to growth; and
- d. Census data has a direct impact on the allocation of approximately \$883 billion in federal funds, grants and supports to states, counties, and communities, including Medicaid, Medicare, highway planning, supplemental nutrition assistance, housing vouchers, school lunch, and countless others; and
- e. It is known that we have a hard time counting certain groups and populations who are historically underrepresented in our democratic system of government and in the funding received by cities, counties, schools and other public agencies seeking to serve their entire populations; and
- f. In order to encourage public involvement and ensure a complete count of communities, individual census records are confidential and protected for 72 years; and
- g. Multnomah County staff are in close coordination with representatives from Clackamas and Washington Counties, Metro and Cities and will continue to be, to collaborate on efforts aimed at ensuring an accurate census.

The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Resolves:

Each county supports the goals and ideals of the census, and will independently conduct robust public awareness and educational campaigns up to, on, and after the nationally-recognized "Census Day" on April 1, 2020.

General populations will be urged to take the census online, which lowers the overall cost of conducting the census.

Members of historically underrepresented populations will be specifically reached out to, in order to ensure they are confidentially yet fully recognized as members of the community.

ADOPTED this 4th day of April, 2019.



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