

Introduced by: Council Member Forbes
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CITY OF BETHEL, ALASKA

Resolution #19-08

A RESOLUTION BY THE BETHEL CITY COUNCIL SUPPORTING THE 2020 CENSUS AND CONFIRMING THE PARTICIPATION IN A COMPLETE COUNT COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, the U.S. Census Bureau is required by the U.S. Constitution to conduct a count of the population and provides a historic opportunity to help shape the foundation of our society and play an active role in American democracy;

WHEREAS, every ten years, the U.S. Census Bureau sets out to count every resident of the United States;

WHEREAS; as one of the hardest to count states in the country, and a recipient of 3.21 billion in Census-based federal funding each year, ensuring a fair and accurate count of all Alaskans in the 2020 Census is important;

WHEREAS, federal and state funding is allocated to communities, and decisions are made on matters of national and local importance based, in part, on census data;

WHEREAS, census data helps determine how many seats each state will have in the U.S. House of Representatives and is necessary for an accurate and fair redistricting of state legislative seats, borough and city councils and voting districts;

WHEREAS, the information collected by the Census is confidential and protected by law;

WHEREAS, the Census count requires extensive work, local involvement helps achieve a complete and accurate count;

WHEREAS, when community members are informed, they are more likely to respond to the census;

WHEREAS, through collaborative partnerships, the U.S. Census Bureau and community leaders can reach the shared goal of counting everyone in 2020;

WHEREAS, the City of Bethel is committed to help ensure every resident is counted;

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WHEREAS, the City of Bethel looks forward to working with other community agencies in the formation of a Complete Count Committee (CCC) which will bring together a cross section of community members who will utilize their local knowledge and expertise to reach out to all persons of our community;

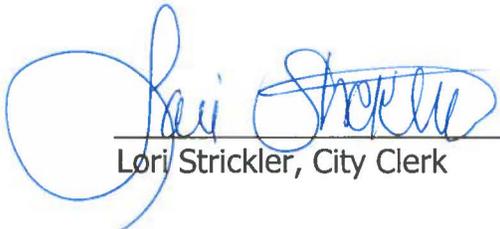
WHEREAS, the goal of the Community Complete Count Committee will be to:

- o work with the Census to bring together a cross section of community organizations and citizens who will focus on 2020 Census awareness;
- o utilize the local knowledge, expertise, and influence of each member to help the Census frame an awareness campaign targeted to our community;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Bethel City Council supports the 2020 Census and will support the efforts of the 2020 Census through the development of a Community Complete Count Committee.

ENACTED THIS 23rd DAY OF JULY 2019 BY A VOTE OF 7 IN FAVOR AND 0 OPPOSED.

ATTEST:



Lori Strickler, City Clerk



Fred Watson, Mayor