



National Lieutenant Governors Association

Resolution Recognizing The Importance of the 2020 Census and Encouraging Participation Towards a Complete Count

1 **WHEREAS**, the Constitution of the United States requires an actual enumeration of the population
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3 every 10 years (required by Article I, Section 2), with the 2020 count having begun in remote Alaska in
4 January 2020 and elsewhere in the United States in March 2020, and
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6 **WHEREAS**, the goal of the decennial census is to count every person in the United States once, and
7 only once, and in the right place, while eliminating the undercounting and overcounting of specific
8 population groups, problems prevalent in previous censuses, and

9 **WHEREAS**, the 2020 Census is quick, safe, and easy to complete, with respondents having the ability
10 to complete the census online for the first time, as well as over the phone or through the mail, and

11 **WHEREAS**, United States Code section 2108(b) of title 44 prohibits the Census Bureau from sharing
12 any personally identifiable information from the decennial census with any part of government or private
13 entity, for any purpose, and

14 **WHEREAS**, the decennial census is a cornerstone of the representative democracy of the United States,
15 as the data collected through the decennial census is the basis for apportioning among the States seats in
16 the U.S. House of Representatives; and is provided to the States for drawing congressional and
17 legislative district lines, and

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

21 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the National Lieutenant Governors Association:
22 1. Recognizes the importance of the 2020 Census and supports participation and partnerships in helping
23 to ensure a complete, fair and accurate count, and
24 2. Encourages all U.S. residents of the states and territories to respond to the 2020 Census to ensure
25 that all people living in the U.S. are included.

ADOPTED, this day, the 29th of July, 2020.



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