

STATE OF GEORGIA

CITY OF TEMPLE

A RESOLUTION ENCOURAGING PARTICIPATION IN THE 2020 UNITED STATES CENSUS

WHEREAS, after months of preparing for the 2020 United States Census and after an extensive informational program to encourage people to take steps to be counted in this new U. S. Census, now there is less than one month before Census Day arrives on April 1; and

WHEREAS, the City of Temple government has participated in the Carroll County initiative to try to make people aware that Census Day is coming Wednesday, April 1, and that it is important for each person to be included in the census count in his or her community; and

WHEREAS, among the most important reasons each person needs to be counted in this new census is because results of the 2020 Census from here in Temple, from all of Carroll County, from all of Georgia, and from similar communities and states throughout the United States of America will be used to determine the amount of Federal funds those cities, counties, and states will receive for various kinds of projects and assistance during the next decade; and

WHEREAS, those same population numbers will be used in an important calculation which occurs each ten years in the United States Congress, namely there being a reallocation of the seats in the 435-member U. S. House of Representatives based on population that will result in some states gaining seats in Congress while some other states will lose those seats and their representatives; and

WHEREAS, local and state governments throughout the nation will use these census figures for the next ten years in drawing boundary lines for City Council wards, County Commission and County School Board districts, and Congressional districts; and

WHEREAS, here in Carroll County representatives from the local governments and various organizations have been working for the past several months in preparation for Census Day on April 1 and to make sure all residents throughout Carroll County are aware of the upcoming Census, are aware of the importance of being included in the count, and are aware of community resources to answer their questions and to make sure they are included in the count; and

WHEREAS, the City of Temple's current utility bills mailed to our citizens include a flyer providing information on the 2020 Census; and

WHEREAS, we want every resident of this community to be aware that 2020 Census information will arrive in their mailbox in mid-March, and each family can complete the form to provide the needed information and can do so by U.S. mail, by using the telephone, or by responding online.

WHEREAS, it has been calculated that for every single person in a community who is not counted in the 2020 U. S. Census, the community will receive \$ less in Federal dollars for various programs during the next decade...meaning that a municipality like Temple will not receive \$ during the next decade for any person who is not counted, or will not receive \$ during the next decade for any ten persons who are not counted, or will not receive \$ during the next decade for any 100 persons who are not counted.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Temple Mayor and City Council that we urge every resident of the City of Temple to make that call or respond on-line or by the mail by April 1 in order to be sure you are counted in the 2020 Census!

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Temple Mayor and City Council that if you have questions, you can contact 2020CENSUS.GOV and you also can go any branch of the West Georgia Regional Library System, including here in Temple, and obtain information concerning how to be counted in the 2020 Census.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this Resolution has been duly adopted by the Mayor and Council of the City of Temple, Georgia, on the 2 day of March 2020.

By:

Michael C Johnson

Mayor

Attest:

Krista E. Herod

City Clerk