

RESOLUTION NO. 2019- 214

A RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA, APPROVING A COORDINATION OF EFFORTS BETWEEN ST. JOHNS COUNTY AND THE UNITED STATES CENSUS TO WORK TOGETHER IN RAISING AWARENESS OF THE ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA RESIDENTS, IN ORDER TO ENSURE PARTICIPATION IN THE 2010 CENSUS AND WORK TOGETHER ON A RANGE OF ACTIONS, INCLUDING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A COMPLETE ST. JOHNS COUNTY COMMITTEE THAT WILL HELP THE COMMUNITY BE AWARE OF THIS IMPORTANT DECENNIAL EVENT AND RAISE AWARENESS TO OBTAIN THE HIGHEST LEVEL OF PARTICIPATION POSSIBLE BY ALL ST. JOHNS COUNTY RESIDENTS .

WHEREAS, more than \$675 billion per year in federal and state funding is allocated to states and communities based on United States census data; and

WHEREAS, an accurate United States census count is vital to St. Johns County, the community and residents' well-being by providing information, in order to determine where to locate, roads, public transportation, hospitals schools, day-care centers and other facilities and services, and is used to make decisions concerning business growth and housing needs; and

WHEREAS, United States census data ensures fair Congressional representation by determining how many seats each state will have in the U.S. House of Representatives, as well as, the redistricting of state legislatures, county and city councils, and voting districts, and certain other special districts; and

WHEREAS, the United States 2020 Census creates jobs that stimulate economic growth and increase employment opportunities in St. Johns County, and its community; and

WHEREAS, the information collected by the United States Census is protected by law and remains confidential for as long as permitted by federal law; and

WHEREAS, St. Johns County, Florida is committed to working with the United States Census Bureau, in order to help ensure a full and accurate United States Census count in 2020; and

WHEREAS, in furtherance of the County's commitment to work with the United States Census Bureau, the County has created a Complete Count Committee in order to conduct community outreach and receive comments from the community in connection with the 2020 United States Census; and

WHEREAS, St. Johns County has determined that the coordination of efforts between the County and the U.S. Census will serve the interests of the County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of St. Johns County:

Section 1. The above Recitals are incorporated by reference into the body of this Resolution.

Section 2. In furtherance of the partnership between the County and the United States Census Bureau, the Complete Count Committee shall:

- Create or seek opportunities in which to collaborate with other like-minded groups in St. Johns County, and the community in order to utilize high-profile, trusted voices to advocate on behalf of the United States 2020 Census;
- Support the goals and ideals for the United States 2020 Census and disseminate United States 2020 Census information to encourage those in St. Johns County, and the community to participate;
- Support census takers as they help St. Johns County, and the community complete an accurate count
- Participate in events and initiatives that will raise overall awareness of the United States 2020 Census to the residents of the County; and
- Encourage people to place an emphasis on the United States 2020 Census.

The Complete Count Committee's function in connection with these items shall be limited to community outreach and receiving community input. The Complete Count Committee shall only act as directed by the Board of County Commissioners or the County Administrator (or his designee). The Complete Count Committee shall not act as an advisory board to the Board of County Commissioners, nor shall it have the authority to take official actions.

Section 3. To the extent that there are typographical and/or administrative errors and/or omissions that do not change the tone, tenor, or concept of this Resolution, then this Resolution may be revised without subsequent approval of the Board of County Commissioners.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of County Commissioners of St. Johns County, Florida, this 16th day of July, 2019.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF
ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA**

By: Jeb S. Smith
Jeb S. Smith, Vice Chairman

ATTEST: Hunter S. Conrad, Clerk

By: Pam Walterman
Deputy Clerk

RENDITION DATE 7/18/19

