

# Resolution

## *Northeast Florida Regional Council*

**2010-01**

**Supporting**

## **The 2010 Census**

**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**, our organization is committed to ensuring every resident is counted;

**WHEREAS**, more than \$400 billion per year in 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, including health care, community development, housing, education, transportation, social services, employment and much more;

**WHEREAS**, census data help determine how many seats each state will have in the U.S. House of Representatives and often is used for the redistricting of state legislatures, county and city councils and voting districts;

**WHEREAS**, the 2010 Census creates hundreds of thousands of jobs across the nation;

**WHEREAS**, every Census Bureau worker takes a lifetime oath to protect confidentiality. And the Census Bureau ensures that the data identifying respondents or their household not be released or shared for 72 years;

**WHEREAS**, a united voice from business, government, community-based and faith-based organizations, educators, media and others will allow the 2010 Census message to reach a broader audience, providing trusted advocates who can spark positive conversations about the 2010 Census;

**BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED** that the Northeast Florida Regional Council supports the goals and ideals for the 2010 Census; asks its affiliates and membership to work together to achieve an accurate and complete count; and encourages people in our Region to participate in events and initiatives that will raise the overall awareness of the 2010 Census and increase participation among all populations.

*Unanimously adopted by the Northeast Florida Regional Council in a regular meeting assembled in the City of Jacksonville, the seventh day of January, 2010.*



**The Honorable Michael Griffis**

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