

RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION AFFIRMING SUPPORT AND PARTNERSHIP WITH THE 2010 CENSUS

WHEREAS, the US Census Bureau is required by the Constitution of the United States of America to conduct a count of the population which provides a historic opportunity for Buncombe County to help shape the foundation of our society and play an active role in American democracy; and

WHEREAS, Buncombe County is committed to ensuring every resident is counted; and

WHEREAS, more than \$300 billion per year in federal and state funding is allocated to communities, and decisions are made on matters of national and local importance based on census data, including healthcare, community development, housing, education, transportation, social services, employment and much more; and

WHEREAS, census data determine how many seats each state will have in the US House of Representatives as well as the redistricting of state legislatures, county and city council and voting districts; and

WHEREAS, the 2010 census creates hundreds of thousands of jobs across the nation; and

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

WHEREAS, a united voice from businesses, 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.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners for the County of Buncombe as follows:

1. That this Board does hereby support the goals and ideals for the 2010 Census and will disseminate 2010 Census information to encourage participation.
2. That this Board asks local municipalities and organizations to partner together to achieve an accurate and complete count.
3. that this Board encourages people in Buncombe County to participate in events and initiatives that will raise overall awareness of the 2010 Census and increase participation among all population.
4. That this resolution shall be effective upon its adoption.

Adopted this the 3rd day of February, 2009.

ATTEST

BOARD OF COMMISSINERS FOR
THE COUNTY OF BUNCOMBE

KATHY HUGHES, CLERK

DAVID GANTT, CHAIRMAN

APPROVED AS TO FORM

JOE CONNOLLY, COUNTY ATTORNEY