

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-R_____

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW BRAUNFELS, TEXAS SUPPORTING THE UNITED STATES CENSUS BUREAU BY ESTABLISHING A COMPLETE COUNT COMMITTEE TO COORDINATE EFFORTS, INCREASE COMMUNITY AWARENESS, AND DEPLOY RESOURCES ACROSS THE COMMUNITY TO ACHIEVE THE MOST ACCURATE AND COMPLETE POPULATION COUNT IN THE 2020 DECENNIAL CENSUS.

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of New Braunfels, Texas recognizes that the United States Census Bureau is required by the U.S. Constitution to conduct a count of the population every 10 years to determine how many seats each state will have in the U.S. House of Representatives; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Census has been performed every ten years since 1790, with the last census in 2010; and

WHEREAS, census data determines the redistricting of state legislative seats, and county and city voting districts; and

WHEREAS, the 2020 Census provides a historic opportunity to help shape the foundation of our representative republic and play an active role in American democracy; and

WHEREAS, New Braunfels' official census population directly affects the amount of federal tax dollars distributed locally for roads, schools, libraries, child and elder care, special needs resources, emergency preparation and response, public transportation, and other services, making an accurate count vital to our community and residents' well-being; and

WHEREAS, an accurate population count helps City Council better plan and fund needed facilities and services based on population distribution within the City; and

WHEREAS, the City welcomes assistance and advice from community-based organizations, the education community, local businesses and the media in counting the entire local population, including traditionally hard to count or the undercounted, populations; and

WHEREAS, the more informed that residents become about the 2020 Census, the probability of a successful enumeration will be increased; and

WHEREAS, the City of New Braunfels is committed to ensuring every resident is counted.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY
NEW BRAUNFELS, TEXAS:**

Section 1

The City of New Braunfels fully supports the efforts of the U.S. Census Bureau to obtain a complete population count for the City of New Braunfels, Texas in the United States Census 2020.

Section 2

The City of New Braunfels will participate with the U.S. Census Bureau to ensure a full and accurate count of residents.

Section 3

The City of New Braunfels encourages all residents to be counted and to participate in events and initiatives that will raise the overall awareness of the 2020 Census and increase participation.

Section 4

The City of New Braunfels hereby creates a "Complete Count Committee", made up of representatives across the community, to assist in promotion, outreach, understanding and education regarding the 2020 Census.

Section 5

The City of New Braunfels City Council hereby directs staff to bring forward a process for appointments to be made to the Complete Count Committee by the City Council.

Section 6

This resolution shall take effect immediately from and after the date of passage and is so resolved.

PASSED, ADOPTED, AND APPROVED this the _____ day of _____, 2019

CITY OF NEW BRAUNFELS, TEXAS

BY: _____
Barron Casteel, Mayor

ATTEST:

Patrick Aten, City Secretary