

RESOLUTION 2019 - 28

**A RESOLUTION REGARDING THE IMPORTANCE OF THE YEAR 2020 UNITED STATES CENSUS AND THE FORMATION OF A COMPLETE COUNT COMMITTEE**

**WHEREAS**, the Census is vital to our community in that it is the basis for the allocation of billions of dollars of federal, state, and county funds for transportation, social, and other programs, and determines the apportionment of seats in the United States house of Representatives and the Montana State Legislature;

**WHEREAS**, the Census is also used to help determine where to locate schools, daycare centers, senior citizen centers, hospitals, and other facilities and is used to make decisions concerning business growth and jobs;

**WHEREAS**, Census information is confidential and federal law prohibits any public or private agency from gaining access to confidential Census data;

**WHEREAS**, in Lewis and Clark County, we are committed to a full and accurate Census count and are placing special emphasis on enumerating members of population groups traditionally undercounted; and

**WHEREAS** in Lewis and Clark County we will form a Census 2020 Complete Count Committee composed of key stakeholders within our community, including the City of Helena and East Helena, elected officials, planners, community based organizations, business groups, religious institutions, and members of the media. This Complete Count Committee will be an important partner to help with outreach to all sectors of our community, especially our most vulnerable sectors such as immigrants, seniors and community members with disabilities.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of County Commissioners that Census 2020 is a top priority for all departments and appointed officials, and the Board of County Commissioners encourages the Lewis and Clark County communities to place an emphasis on partnering with the U.S. Census Bureau in achieving an accurate and complete count in Census 2020. The co-chairs of the Complete Count Committee, or their designees, will coordinate a Complete County Committee for the community to facilitate this partnership.

DATED this 4<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2019.

LEWIS AND CLARK COUNTY  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

  
Jim McCormick, Chair

ATTEST:

  
Paulette DeHart, Clerk of the Board

