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**A RESOLUTION OF THE FLORIDA LEAGUE OF CITIES, INC.,
AFFIRMING SUPPORT FOR AND A PARTNERSHIP WITH STATE AND
LOCAL LEADERS TO ENSURE AN ACCURATE 2020 CENSUS.**

WHEREAS, the U.S. Census Bureau is required by the U.S. Constitution to conduct a count of the population; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Florida League of Cities are committed to ensuring every resident is counted; and

WHEREAS, a successful census program integrates federal, state and local resources within each level of government so that a true intergovernmental partnership is achieved for a timely and accurate count; and

WHEREAS, more than \$675 billion per year in federal and state funding is allocated to communities based upon population, and said funding supports public health care, community development, housing, education, transportation, social services, employment and more; and

WHEREAS, census data collected in 2020 will also factor into how many seats each state will have in the U.S. House of Representatives, as well as the redistricting of state legislatures and many county and some city voting districts; and

WHEREAS, each Census Bureau employee takes a lifetime oath to protect confidentiality and ensure that data identifying respondents or their household will not be released or shared; and

WHEREAS, a united voice from businesses, government, community-based and faith-based organizations, educators, media and others will allow the 2020 census message to reach a broader audience, providing trusted advocates who can spark positive conversations about the 2020 census.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE FLORIDA LEAGUE OF CITIES, INC.:

Section 1. The Florida League of Cities, Inc., unanimously supports the goals and ideals for the 2020 census.

Section 2. The Florida League of Cities, Inc., will be a resource throughout the census process and also encourages cities to disseminate 2020 census information to maximize participation and ask all Floridians to partner together to achieve an accurate and complete count.

Section 3. The Florida League of Cities, Inc., encourages members to participate in events and initiatives that will raise awareness of the 2020 census and increase participation among all populations.

Section 4. A copy of this resolution be provided to the southeast office of the U.S. Census and also shared with the membership of the Florida League of Cities, Inc.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Florida League of Cities, Inc., in conference assembled at the League's 93rd Annual Conference, at the Orlando World Center Marriott, Orlando, Florida, this 17th Day of August 2019.

Leo E. Longworth, President
Florida League of Cities, Inc.
Commissioner, City of Bartow

ATTEST: _____
Michael Sittig, Executive Director
Florida League of Cities, Inc.

Submitted by: FLC Staff