

## PROCLAMATION

- **WHEREAS**, the United States Census Bureau is required by the Constitution of the United States of America to conduct a count of the population and provides a historic opportunity for the City of Franklin to help shape the foundation of our society and play an active role in American democracy; and
- WHEREAS, Franklin, Tennessee is committed to ensuring every resident is counted; and
- **WHEREAS**, per the George Washington Institute of Public Policy, nearly \$900 billion per year in federal and state funding is allocated to communities based on census data, and decisions are made on matters of national and local importance including healthcare, community development, housing, education, transportation, social services, employment, and much more; and
- **WHEREAS**, census data determines how many seats each state will have in the U.S. House of Representatives as well as the redistricting of state legislatures, county and city councils, and voting districts; and
- WHEREAS, the 2020 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 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, that the Board of Mayor & Aldermen supports the goals and ideals for the 2020 Census and will help promote the dissemination of the 2020 Census information to encourage resident participation, in addition to asking other government bodies to partner together to achieve an accurate and complete count so every Franklin, Tennessee resident can truly say "Everyone Counts"; and
- AND, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that as City Mayor Franklin, Tennessee, I, Dr. Ken Moore do hereby encourage citizens of Franklin, TN to participate in events and initiatives that will raise overall awareness of the 2020 United States Census and increase participation among all populations.
- **IN WITNESS WHEREOF,** I have hereunto set my hand this 13<sup>th</sup> day of August 2019.

Dr. Ken Moore Mayor of Franklin, Tennessee