

RESOLUTION NO. 156-19

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF DELRAY BEACH, FLORIDA, PLEDGING TO PARTNER WITH THE U.S. CENSUS BUREAU TO ENSURE THAT EVERY RESIDENT OF THE CITY OF DELRAY BEACH IS COUNTED AS PART OF THE 2020 CENSUS; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the U.S. Census Bureau is required by the U.S. Constitution to conduct a count of the population and provides a historic opportunity to help shape the foundation of our society and play an active role in American democracy;

WHEREAS, the City of Delray Beach, Florida, is committed to ensuring every resident is counted;

WHEREAS, federal and state funding is allocated to communities, and decisions are made on matters of national and local importance based, in part, on census data and housing;

WHEREAS, census data helps determine how many seats each state will have in the U.S. House of Representatives and is necessary for an accurate and fair redistricting of state legislative seats, county and city councils, and voting districts;

WHEREAS, information from the 2020 Census and American Community Survey are vital tools for economic development and increased employment;

WHEREAS, the information collected by the 2020 Census is confidential and protected by law;

WHEREAS, a united voice from business, government, community-based and faith-based organizations, educators, media, and others will enable the 2020 Census message to reach more of our citizens;

WHEREAS, the City Commission deems approval of this resolution to be in the best interest of the health, safety, and welfare of the residents and citizens of the City of Delray Beach and the public at large.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF DELRAY BEACH, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The foregoing recitals are affirmed and ratified.

Section 2. The City hereby supports the goals and ideals for the 2020 Census and shall disseminate 2020 Census information.

Section 3. The City shall encourage all residents to participate in events and initiatives that will raise the overall awareness of the 2020 Census and increase participation.

Section 4. The City shall establish a Complete Count Committee to bring together a cross section of community members who will utilize their local knowledge and expertise to reach out to all person of our community.

Section 5. The City shall work with the U.S. Census Bureau and Palm Beach County to strive for an accurate Census.

Section 6. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED in regular session on the ____ day of _____, 2019.

Shelly Petrolia, Mayor

ATTEST:

Katerri Johnson, City Clerk

Approved as to form and legal sufficiency:

Lynn Gelin, City Attorney