Introduced March 24, 2009, by Councilman Hursey, seconded by Councilman Hicks (by request of Administration)

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A resolution by the Slidell City Council in support of and partnership with the 2010 Census.

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

WHEREAS, the City of Slidell is committed to ensuring every resident is counted; and

WHEREAS, more than \$300 billion per year in federal and state funding is allocated to communities, and decisions are made on matters of national and local importance based on census data, including healthcare, community development, housing, education, transportation, social services, employment, and much more; and

WHEREAS, census data determine 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 2010 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

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WHEREAS, a united voice from businesses, government, community-based and faith-based organizations, educators, media and others will allow the 2010 Census message to reach a broader audience, providing trusted advocates who can spark positive conversations about the 2010 Census.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Slidell City Council that it does hereby:

- Supports the goals and ideals for the 2010 Census and will disseminate
 Census information to encourage participation.
- 2. Asks its affiliates and membership to partner together to achieve an accurate and complete count.
- 3. Encourages people in the City of Slidell to participate in events and initiatives that will raise overall awareness of the 2010 Census and increase participation among all populations.

ADOPTED this 24th day of March, 2009.

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Subject:

Fw: Proclamation/Resolution Request

Attachments:

Draft Proclamation 2010.pdf; 2010 Census Partner Resolution.pdf

Importance:

High

Good Morning Randy,

The Asst. Director of Commerce is visiting New Orleans next week and the Dallas Region Census Center wanted to present Proclamations/Resolutions to the Director on behalf of the Louisiana Parishes, Cities, Towns and Villages. We would like the City of Slidell to be among presentations to the Director.

Is it possible to get a Proclamation and/or Resolution announcing the kick off of the 2010 Census beginning with the Philharmonic Festival in April or May. It would be appreciated if you could have it for me by Wednesday next week.

I have attached sample drafts for you to follow.

Please let me know if this is durable.

Many Thanks
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Subject: Proclamation/Resolution Template

Dear Parish President/Mayor,

It was a pleasure meeting with all you, and I look forward to working with you and your organizations to ensure everyone is counted in the 2010 Census.

Partners have helped the Census Bureau conduct a successful Census 2000, and we will again need partners' like you to help complete the 2010 Census. Local governments, community organizations, businesses, and the media can help spread the word about the 2008 Census Dress Rehearsal and the 2010 Census and we encourage everyone to participate.

As the Parish President, you have agreed to establish a Complete Count Committee, with representatives from all sectors of the community - business, education, community and social services, churches, government, rural areas and the media – which will brainstorm ways to promote the 2010 Census. Now is the time to start planning for a complete count. As you know, a thorough census count will translate into real dollars for your areas, and will directly impact your ability to attract new business, access valuable grants, and promote your parish, town and city's future. Together, we will utilize the local knowledge, expertise and influence to design and implement a census awareness campaign targeted specifically your areas.

Please know that it is imperative that you begin to establish a Complete Count Committee as soon as possible. I will be available to meet with the members of the Committee, once it is established. I will also be available to assist in conducting Complete Count Committee workshops in your Parish.

I have attached a draft Proclamation and/or Resolution for you to use to begin this 2010 Decennial process.

Thank you

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