Introduced October 22, 2019, by Councilman Borchert, seconded by Council Members Pichon, Denham, Dunham, Crockett, Vanney, Tamborella, Harbison and King

RESOLUTION R19-16

A Resolution in support of the 2020 Census.

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 and active role in American democracy; and

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

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; and

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; and

WHEREAS, information from the 2020 census is confidential and protected by law; and

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;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Slidell City Council is committed to partnering with the U.S. Census Bureau and the State of Louisiana and will:

1. Support the goals and ideals for the 2020 Census and will disseminate 2020 Census information.

2. Encourage all residents to participate in events and initiatives that will raise the overall awareness of the 2020 Census and increase participation.

3. Provide Census advocates to speak to Community Organizations.

4. Support census takers as they help our city compete an accurate count.

5. Strive to achieve a complete and accurate count of all persons without our city.

ADOPTED this 22nd day of October, 2019.

Bill Borchert
President of the Council
Councilman-at-Large

Thomas P. Reeves
Council Administrator