



REQUEST FOR COMMISSION ACTION
CITY OF INDEPENDENCE
May 23, 2019

Department Administration

Director Approval Kelly Passauer

AGENDA ITEM Consider proclaiming the City of Independence a Census 2020 Partner.

SUMMARY RECOMMENDATION Approve the request.

BACKGROUND City staff has met with representatives of the 2020 Census. It was recommended that the City form a Complete County Committee made up of representatives of the community to serve as “trusted voices” to reach out to citizens to emphasize the importance of participating in the 2020 Census. Also recommended, was the adoption of a proclamation.

BUDGET IMPACT N/A

SUGGESTED MOTION I move to proclaim the City of Independence a Census 2020 Partner.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS Proclamation

Proclamation

WHEREAS, the Census is vital to our community in that the data ensures fair Congressional representation by determining how many seats each state will have in the U.S. House of Representatives as well as the redistricting of state legislature and county councils, and voting districts; and

WHEREAS, the Census is also used to help determine where to locate schools, day care centers, senior citizen centers, hospitals, and other facilities and is used to make decisions concerning business growth and jobs; and

WHEREAS, census data is the basis for the allocation of billions of dollars of federal, state and county funds for social and other programs; and

WHEREAS, the Census is used for planning for public transportation services, planning health and education services for people with disabilities, urban planning, land use planning, developing assistance programs for low-income families, making business decisions, school projects, developing adult education programs, and attracting new businesses to state and local areas; and

WHEREAS, census information is confidential, and federal law prohibits any public or private agency from gaining access to confidential census data; and

WHEREAS, in the City of Independence, we are committed to collaborating with the U.S. Census Bureau in preparing for Census 2020 through address list updates, census map corrections, and jurisdictional boundary updates.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Louis Ysusi, Mayor of Independence, Kansas, do hereby proclaim the City of Independence to be a

CENSUS 2020 PARTNER

and recognize Census 2020 as a top priority for all departments and appointed officials, and encourage the community to place an emphasis on partnering with the U.S. Census Bureau in achieving an accurate and complete counting in Census 2020.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have hereunto set by hand this 23rd day of May, 2019.



Louis Ysusi, Mayor