2020 Census Partnership

Resolution #2019-12-02

WHEREAS the U.S. Census Bureau is required by the U.S. Constitution to conduct a complete 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 Southern Shores 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 help determine how many seats each state will have in the U.S. House of Representatives and are 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 is vital for economic development and increased employment;

WHEREAS the information collected by the 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 residents;

WHEREAS the Census count requires extensive work, and the Census Bureau requires partners at the state and local level to insure a complete and accurate count;

WHEREAS Southern Shores and its appointed Complete Count Committee will bring together a cross section of community members who will utilize their local knowledge and expertise to reach out to all persons of our community;

Now, therefore, **BE IT RESOLVED** that Southern Shores is committed to partnering with the U.S. Census Bureau and the State of North Carolina and will:

1. Support the goals for the 2020 Census and will disseminate 2020 Census information;
2. Encourage all County residents to participate in events and initiatives that will raise the overall awareness of the 2020 Census and increase participation;
3. Provide CCC members and Census advocates to speak to County and Community Organizations;
4. Support census takers as they help our County complete an accurate count; and,
5. Strive to achieve a complete and accurate count of all persons within our borders.

Adopted this 3rd day of December. 2019

TOWN OF SOUTHERN SHORES SEAL NC

Thomas G Bennett, Mayor

Attest:

Sheila Kane, Town Clerk