

ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION No. 78

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 219th LEGISLATURE

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SYNOPSIS

Urges counties and municipalities to create 2020 Census Complete Count Committees.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



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1 AN ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION urging counties and municipalities to
2 create 2020 Census Complete Count Committees.

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4 WHEREAS, This year, the federal government, through the United
5 States Census Bureau, will count everyone residing in the United
6 States through a process known as the Census, which occurs at the
7 beginning of each decade; and

8 WHEREAS, The United States Census Bureau must submit state
9 population totals to the President of the United States by December
10 31, 2020; and

11 WHEREAS, It is imperative for the State of New Jersey that the count
12 of our residents be as thorough and complete as possible, as the
13 State's legislative districts and congressional districts will be
14 redrawn, through a process known as redistricting, using the Census
15 data collected in New Jersey by Census workers, and to ensure the
16 State's residents of equal representation in the New Jersey
17 Legislature and in Congress; and

18 WHEREAS, These legislative and congressional districts will remain in
19 place until the 2030 Census and will affect all legislative and
20 congressional elections for the next decade, making it critical that
21 every New Jersey resident be counted in the 2020 Census; and

22 WHEREAS, The federal government also uses census data to designate
23 funds for public services in New Jersey, such as Medicaid, hospital
24 funding, Title I school funding, childcare, student loans, highway
25 and transportation funding, and school meal programs; and

26 WHEREAS, The United States Census Bureau has created a program to
27 develop "Complete Count Committees," the purpose of which is to
28 use county and municipal officials, together with community and
29 faith-based organizations and other community influencers, to reach
30 individuals and families to explain the importance of all local
31 residents taking part in the 2020 Census; and

32 WHEREAS, The United States Census Bureau believes that local
33 Complete Count Committees will further the goal of counting every
34 United States resident in the place where they live, through
35 establishing an "information highway" of neighbor informing
36 neighbor of the importance of participation in the 2020 Census,
37 helping to maximize participation and response rates by State
38 residents by increasing and maintaining public awareness
39 throughout the 2020 census, leading to an accurate 2020 Census
40 count in New Jersey; now, therefore,

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42 BE IT RESOLVED by the General Assembly of the State of New
43 Jersey:

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45 1. This House encourages every county and municipality in this
46 State to create a Complete Count Committee for the 2020 Census in
47 order to educate the State's residents about the importance of taking
48 part in the 2020 Census.

1 2. Copies of this resolution, as filed with the Secretary of State,
2 shall be transmitted by the Clerk of the General Assembly to the
3 governing body of every county and municipality in this State.

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STATEMENT

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8 This Assembly Resolution encourages every county and
9 municipality in this State to create a Complete Count Committee for
10 the 2020 Census in order to educate the State's residents about the
11 importance of taking part in the 2020 Census.