

Proclamation



Whereas an accurate census count is vital to our community and residents' well-being by helping planners determine where to locate schools, day care centers, roads and public transportation, hospitals and other facilities, and achieving an accurate and complete count of the nation's growing and changing population; and

Whereas more than \$400 billion per year in federal and state funding is allocated to states and communities based, in part, on census data; and

Whereas census data helps determine how many seats each state will have in the U.S. House of Representatives and often is used for the redistricting of state legislatures, and voting districts for county boards and city councils;

Whereas the 2010 Census creates jobs that stimulate economic growth and increases employment; and

Whereas the information collected by the census is confidential and protected by law.

Now, therefore, on this 23rd day of November, 2009, I, Dallas O. Jones, Chairman of the Board of Supervisors of Southampton County, Virginia do hereby proclaim that Southampton County is committed to partnering with the U.S. Census Bureau to help ensure a full and accurate count in 2010 by:

- 1) Supporting the goals and ideals for the 2010 Census and disseminating 2010 Census information to encourage those in our community to participate;
- 2) Encouraging people in our community to place an emphasis on the 2010 Census and participating in events and initiatives that will raise overall awareness and ensure a full and accurate census;
- 3) Supporting census takers as they help our community complete an accurate count; and
- 4) Creating or seeking opportunities to collaborate with other like-minded groups in our community by participating in Complete Count Committees and/or utilizing high-profile, trusted voices to advocate on behalf of the 2010 Census.

Dallas O. Jones, Chairman
Board of Supervisors

mikejohnson

From: Beth Lewis [blewis@co.southampton.state.va.us]
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Subject: proclamation for census

Mike,

Do you want to take this census proclamation to the BOS? It includes the reason for the census and shows support from the elected officials for the work the complete count committee seeks to do.

Thanks,
Beth

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