

RESOLUTION

To urge and request all Departments within the City of Hammond to utilize every available avenue

and resource to promote and encourage response to the 2020 federal decennial census.

WHEREAS, every ten years a complete and accurate count of every resident is required by

Article I, Section 2 of the Constitution of the United States, and this required federal decennial

census is conducted by the United State Bureau of the Census; and

WHEREAS, census data is used to distribute federal funding to local communities and to

determine electoral representation, including the number of seats each state is allocated in the United

States House of Representatives, all of which are critical to Louisiana and its residents; and

WHEREAS, more than three hundred federal programs rely on data derived from the census

to guide the distribution of funds to states, parishes, municipalities and households, and the 2020

federal decennial census data will affect the allocation of approximately one and a half trillion

dollars of federal funds; and

WHEREAS, even though invitations to respond to the 2020 federal decennial census were

mailed in March of 2020 and Census Day was April 1, 2020, it is very disturbing that as of June 24,

2020, the self-response rate in the State of Louisiana was only 55.9% compared with the national

average of 61.7%, and the Parish of Tangipahoa is 31st out of the 64 Parishes in Louisiana to

respond; and

WHEREAS, it is estimated that every person in Louisiana who is not counted will cost

Louisiana approximately three thousand two hundred dollars or more in lost federal funds; and

WHEREAS, due to the COVID-19 public health emergency, the United States Bureau of

the Census has delayed the start of its non-response follow-up until August 11, 2020; and

WHEREAS, a significant amount of effort is required in order to achieve awareness of the

importance of the 2020 federal decennial census and to obtain full participation and responses by all

persons in Louisiana in the 2020 federal decennial census.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Hammond City Council does hereby urge and request

all Departments within the City of Hammond to utilize every available avenue and resource to

promote and encourage response to the 2020 federal decennial census.