



NASS Resolution in Support of a Partnership with the U.S. Census Bureau for the 2010 Census

WHEREAS, the U.S. Census Bureau is required by the Constitution of the United States of America to conduct a count of the population and provides an historic opportunity for the National Association of Secretaries of State (NASS) to help shape the foundation of our society and play an active role in American democracy;

WHEREAS, NASS is committed to ensuring every resident is counted;

WHEREAS, more than \$300 billion per year in federal and state funding is allocated to communities, and decisions are made on matters of national and local importance based on census data, including healthcare, community development, housing, education, transportation, social services, employment, and much more;

WHEREAS, census data determine how many seats each state will have in the U.S. House of Representatives as well as the redistricting of state legislatures, county and city councils and voting districts;

WHEREAS, the 2010 Census creates hundreds of thousands of jobs across the nation;

WHEREAS, every Census Bureau worker takes a lifetime oath to protect confidentiality and ensure that data identifying respondents or their household not be released or shared for 72 years;

WHEREAS, a united voice from businesses, government, community-based and faith-based organizations, educators, media, and others will allow the 2010 Census message to reach a broader audience, providing trusted advocates who can spark positive conversations about the 2010 Census;

THEREFORE, NOW BE IT RESOLVED that the National Association of Secretaries of State:

1. Supports the goals and ideals for the 2010 Census and will disseminate 2010 Census information to encourage participation.
2. Asks its membership to work together to achieve an accurate and complete count.
3. Encourages members of the National Association of Secretaries of State to participate in events and initiatives that will raise overall awareness of the 2010 Census and increase participation among all populations.

EXPIRES: Winter 2014

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