

Proclamation

Whereas, April 1, 2020, is Census Day for the United States of America pursuant to Article 1, Section 2 of the U.S. Constitution; and

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

Whereas, an accurate and complete Census count is important to the City of Belleville in determining Federal dollars for health, education, transportation, child and elder care, emergency preparation and response, and public and social health programs. The City receives a large portion of our General Fund revenues from the State based on population, including State Income Tax and State Use Tax. These revenues are used to support general operations of the City, including public safety and public works departments. The City also receives Motor Fuel Tax from the State based on population. These funds are used for infrastructure maintenance and repairs throughout the City; and

Whereas, establishing a Census 2020 Complete Count Committee will allow the City of Belleville to obtain the most accurate and complete population count for the decennial Census in 2020; and

Whereas, the City of Belleville 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; and

Whereas, all members of the Complete Count Committee and the Census Bureau are bound by Title 13 of the United States Code to keep all information and data confidential and protected to ensure the privacy and protection of all residents; and

Whereas, the City of Belleville Complete Count Committee will work with the Census Bureau and the State of Illinois to strive for an accurate count.

NOW THEREFORE I, Mark W. Eckert, Mayor of the City of Belleville, do hereby proclaim full support and participation in the overwhelming success of Census 2020 through the formulation of a **COMPLETE COUNT COMMITTEE**.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the corporate seal of the City of Belleville to be affixed this 2nd day of December, in the year of our Lord two thousand and nineteen.



Mark W. Eckert

Mark W. Eckert, Mayor

Dated this 2nd day of December, 2019