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1 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The Constitution of the United States requires an  
3 enumeration of the population every 10 years to apportion  
4 congressional representation among the states; and

5 WHEREAS, Pursuant to Section 141 of Title 13 of the United  
6 States Code, the next federal decennial census of the  
7 population will be taken on the first day of April in 2020; and

8 WHEREAS, A complete and accurate count of Illinois'  
9 population is essential to the State because the census count  
10 determines congressional representation, state redistricting,  
11 federal grant formula allocation, and the distribution of state  
12 subvention funds for an entire decade until the next decennial  
13 census is taken; and

14 WHEREAS, There are over 70 federal programs benefiting  
15 Illinois that use census enumeration and population numbers as  
16 part of their funding formulas, including formulas for  
17 education, health, and human services programs; and

18 WHEREAS, The United States Census Bureau will endeavor to  
19 count every person in the nation, and many states will be  
20 initiating programs to promote the census; and

1           WHEREAS, It is vitally important for Illinois to do  
2 everything it can to ensure that every Illinoisan is counted in  
3 the 2020 United States Census; therefore, be it

4           RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL  
5 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
6 CONCURRING HEREIN, that the Illinois Complete Count Commission  
7 is hereby established; and be it further

8           RESOLVED, That the Commission shall consist of the  
9 following members:

- 10           (1) the President of the Senate or his designee;
- 11           (2) the Speaker of the House of Representatives or his  
12 designee;
- 13           (3) the Minority Leader of the Senate or her designee;
- 14           (4) the Minority Leader of the House of Representatives  
15 or his designee;
- 16           (5) the Mayor of Chicago or his designee;
- 17           (6) the Governor of Illinois or his designee;
- 18           (7) the President of the Cook County Board or her  
19 designee;
- 20           (8) a representative of the Illinois Municipal League  
21 appointed by the Governor;
- 22           (9) a representative of the Illinois Association of  
23 County Board Members and Commissioners appointed by the

1 Governor;

2 (10) a representative of the Chicago Urban League  
3 jointly appointed by the Senate President and the Speaker  
4 of the House of Representatives;

5 (11) a representative of the Mexican American Legal  
6 Defense and Education Fund jointly appointed by the Senate  
7 President and the Speaker of the House of Representatives;

8 (12) a representative of the Hispanic Chamber of  
9 Commerce jointly appointed by the Senate President and the  
10 Speaker of the House of Representatives;

11 (13) a representative of the Illinois Chamber of  
12 Commerce appointed by the Governor;

13 (14) a representative of the Chicago Chamber of  
14 Commerce jointly appointed by the Senate President and the  
15 Speaker of the House of Representatives;

16 (15) a representative of the Black Chamber of Commerce  
17 jointly appointed by the Senate President and the Speaker  
18 of the House of Representatives; and

19 (16) one representative each appointed by the  
20 President of the Senate or his or her designee, the Speaker  
21 of the House of Representatives or his or her designee, the  
22 Minority Leader of the Senate or his or her designee, and  
23 the Minority Leader of the House of Representatives or his  
24 or her designee; and be it further

25 RESOLVED, That the Governor of Illinois and Mayor of

1 Chicago shall serve as co-chairpersons of the Commission; the  
2 Commission shall meet at the call of the chair or any 10  
3 members of the Commission; and be it further

4 RESOLVED, That the Commission will develop, recommend, and  
5 assist in the administration of a census outreach strategy to  
6 encourage full participation in the 2020 federal decennial  
7 census of population required by Section 141 of Title 13 of the  
8 United States Code; and be it further

9 RESOLVED, That the census outreach strategy shall include,  
10 but not be limited to, State agency initiatives to encourage  
11 participation in the 2020 Census, the establishment and support  
12 of school-based outreach programs, partnerships with  
13 non-profit community-based organizations, and a multi-lingual,  
14 multi-media campaign designed to ensure an accurate and  
15 complete count of Illinois' population; and be it further

16 RESOLVED, That, in carrying out its duties, the Commission  
17 may create and appoint subcommittees as it deems appropriate  
18 and shall solicit participation from relevant experts and  
19 practitioners involved in census issues; and be it further

20 RESOLVED, That the Illinois Complete Count effort will be  
21 coordinated out of the Office of the Governor and the Office of  
22 the Mayor of Chicago, which shall enlist all State and City of

1 Chicago agencies and departments directly responsible to the  
2 Governor or the Mayor of Chicago, as the case may be, to  
3 identify effective methods of outreach to Illinoisans and to  
4 provide resources to ensure the outreach program is successful  
5 and that all Illinoisans are counted; each agency and  
6 department shall inform the Office of the Governor or Office of  
7 the Mayor of Chicago, as the case may be, of their designated  
8 census coordinator for purposes of this effort; all agencies  
9 and departments shall cooperate with the Commission and provide  
10 support to the Commission; and be it further

11 RESOLVED, That the Commission shall submit an interim  
12 report to the General Assembly by November 30, 2016, containing  
13 its recommended outreach strategy to encourage full  
14 participation and to avoid an undercount in the 2020 Census;  
15 thereafter, the Commission shall submit its final report to the  
16 General Assembly no later than November 30, 2017, specifying  
17 its recommended outreach strategy for implementation for the  
18 2020 Census; and be it further

19 RESOLVED, That other entities of State government not  
20 directly responsible to the Governor, including other  
21 constitutional officers, the offices of the legislative and  
22 judicial branches, and units of local government shall  
23 cooperate and provide all reasonable assistance to the  
24 Commission.