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1 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 29

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) five individuals residing outside of Cook County,
21 reflecting the geographic diversity of the State,
22 appointed by the Governor;
- 23 (9) a representative of the Chicago Urban League

1 jointly appointed by the Senate President and the Speaker
2 of the House of Representatives;

3 (10) a representative of the Mexican American Legal
4 Defense and Education Fund jointly appointed by the Senate
5 President and the Speaker of the House of Representatives;

6 (11) a representative of the Hispanic Chamber of
7 Commerce jointly appointed by the Senate President and the
8 Speaker of the House of Representatives;

9 (12) a representative of the Illinois Chamber of
10 Commerce appointed by the Governor;

11 (13) a representative of the Chicagoland Chamber of
12 Commerce jointly appointed by the Senate President and the
13 Speaker of the House of Representatives;

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

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

23 RESOLVED, That the Governor of Illinois and Mayor of
24 Chicago shall serve as co-chairpersons of the Commission; the
25 Commission shall meet at the call of the chair or any 10

1 members of the Commission; and be it further

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

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

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

18 RESOLVED, That the Illinois Complete Count effort will be
19 coordinated out of the Office of the Governor and the Office of
20 the Mayor of Chicago, which shall enlist all State and City of
21 Chicago agencies and departments directly responsible to the
22 Governor or the Mayor of Chicago, as the case may be, to

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

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

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