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SENATE RESOLUTION

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

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

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

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

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

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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, that the Illinois Complete
6 Count Commission is hereby established; and be it further

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

9 (1) the President of the Senate or his designee;

10 (2) the Speaker of the House of Representatives or his
11 designee;

12 (3) the Minority Leader of the Senate or her designee;

13 (4) the Minority Leader of the House of Representatives
14 or his designee;

15 (5) the Mayor of Chicago or his designee;

16 (6) the Governor of Illinois or his designee;

17 (7) the President of the Cook County Board or her
18 designee;

19 (8) a representative of the Illinois Municipal League
20 appointed by the Governor;

21 (9) a representative of the Illinois Association of
22 County Board Members and Commissioners appointed by the
23 Governor;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

24 RESOLVED, That the Governor of Illinois and Mayor of
25 Chicago shall serve as co-chairpersons of the Commission; the

1 Commission shall meet at the call of the chair or any 10
2 members of the Commission; and be it further

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

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

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

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

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

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

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