

ASSOCIATION OF HAWAIIAN CIVIC CLUBS

A RESOLUTION

No. 2019 - 61

SUPPORTING PARTICIPATION IN THE 2020 U. S. CENSUS

WHEREAS, since 1790, the United States has counted its population every ten years; and

WHEREAS, the next count will occur in 2020, and Census Day is April 1, 2020, the date by which each household will receive an invitation to participate in the census; and

WHEREAS, census data is used to accurately determine how many representatives each state has in U. S. Congress and inform the redrawing of congressional district boundaries; and

WHEREAS, census data is the basis for distributing more than \$675 billion in federal funds annually to states, counties, and communities to support resources such as schools, hospitals, and fire departments; and

WHEREAS, census data is used to inform business decisions, policy, community initiatives, and consumer advocacy; and

WHEREAS, in 2020, for the first time ever, the U. S. Census Bureau will accept responses online, or by phone or mail; and

WHEREAS, community partners are critical to educate and motivate residents to participate in the 2020 Census; and

WHEREAS, the U. S. Census Bureau will provide tools to community partners to help to increase public participation including newsletter articles and co-branded products, sample posts for social media, hosting workshops, and providing information to stakeholders about the importance and benefits of participating in the 2020 Census; and

WHEREAS, the 2020 Census will also provide numerous temporary jobs, including census takers, recruiting assistants, office staff, and supervisory staff, with pay in Hawai'i beginning at \$18 per hour.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs at its 60th Annual Convention in Lahaina, Maui, in the malama of Welehu and the rising of Lā'au Pau, this 16th day of November 2019, supporting participation the 2020 U. S. Census; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs become a Census Partner; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs develop a plan by January 31, 2019, to encourage participation by Hawaiian Civic Club members and the Native Hawaiian community in the 2020 Census; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a report on the status of implementation of the Association's Census Plan be made at its scheduled quarterly meetings of the Association's Board of Directors; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Native Hawaiian Complete Count Committee is urged to hold a meeting among all Native Hawaiians organizations, including but not limited to, the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs, Office of Hawaiian Affairs, Sovereign Councils of Hawaiian Home Lands (SCHHA), Council for Native Hawaiian Advancement (CNHA), University of Hawai'i Kamakakūokalani, Alu Like, and others to help to organize and support their efforts to register Native Hawaiians in the 2020 Census; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Hawai'i State Data Center, State of Hawai'i Department of Business, Economic Development & Tourism, as well as the Governor of the State of Hawai'i, President of the State Senate, Speaker of the State House of Representatives, Chair of the State Senate subject matter committee on Hawaiian Affairs, Chair of the State House subject matter committee on Hawaiian Affairs, Chair of the Board of Trustees of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, and all County Mayors.



The undersigned hereby certifies that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted in the malama of Welehu and the rising of Lā'au Pau on the 16th day of November 2019, at the 60th Annual Convention of the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs in Lahaina, Maui.



Hailama V. K. K. Farden, President