



County of Sonoma

State of California

Date: May 14, 2019

Item Number: _____

Resolution Number: _____

☐ 4/5 Vote Required

Resolution of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Sonoma, State of California, supporting the 2020 census and the full and accurate count of all California residents

WHEREAS, the U.S. Census Bureau is required by Article I, Section 2 of the U.S. Constitution to conduct an accurate count of the population every ten years; and

WHEREAS, About forty-two percent of Sonoma County's budget (FY 2018-2019) comes from state, federal and other government revenues, and part of the basis for receiving these federal funds relies on census data; and

WHEREAS, census data also helps determine how many seats each state will have in the U.S. House of Representatives, and it is used in the redistricting of state legislatures, counties board of supervisors and city councils; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors adopted resolution number 19-0029 on January 29th, 2019 to opt in for Census 2020 State Funding; and

WHEREAS, the decennial census is a huge undertaking that requires cross-sector collaboration and partnership in order to achieve a complete and accurate count; and

WHEREAS, the next enumeration will take place on April 1, 2020 and will be the first to rely predominantly on online responses; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Census Bureau is facing several challenges with the 2020 Census, which include declining response rates, technological challenges, and fiscal constraints, thus support from local government is critical; and

WHEREAS, California has the largest percentage of individuals that are considered traditionally hard to count in the nation; and

WHEREAS, the County of Sonoma, in partnership with United Way of the Wine Country, are committed to conducting countywide outreach and awareness campaigns to educate the hard

to count communities about the 2020 census and motivate all Sonoma County residents to be counted; and

WHEREAS engaging the participation of other local governments, the State, U.S. Census Bureau, and community organizations will be critical to ensure maximum Sonoma County resident participation in the 2020 census.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the County of Sonoma recognizes the importance of the 2020 Census and supports participation in helping to ensure a complete, fair, and accurate count of all California residents.

Supervisors:

Gorin:

Zane:

Gore:

Hopkins:

Rabbitt:

Ayes:

Noes:

Absent:

Abstain:

So Ordered.