

**RESOLUTION NO. 2020-R- 90 SEMINOLE COUNTY, FLORIDA**

**RESOLUTION  
OF THE  
SEMINOLE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**CREATION OF THE SEMINOLE COUNTY 2020 CENSUS RESPONSE TEAM**

**WHEREAS**, Article 1, Section 2 of the U.S. Constitution mandates a census occur every 10 years of the population of the United States, including people of all ages, races, ethnic groups, citizens, and noncitizens; and

**WHEREAS**, on May 14, 2019, The Board of County Commissioners enacted Resolution 2019-R-81, creating the 2020 U.S. Decennial Census, Seminole County Complete Count Committee for the purpose of creating census awareness and motivating residents to participate in the 2020 Census towards achieving an accurate and complete population count among all residents of Seminole County; and

**WHEREAS**, the Complete Count Committee adopted and implemented a 2020 Census Awareness Action Plan to facilitate innovative and engaging census awareness outreach activities and events toward maximizing the census response rate, serving faithfully and honorably under the most difficult of times; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Section 6 of Resolution No. 2019-R-81, the Complete Count Committee shall remain active through July 31, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, on January 30, 2020, a coronavirus virus, later named COVID-19, was declared a Public Health Emergency of International Concern, reducing census awareness, and resulting in devastating impacts on government services, business and industry, health care, education, and families; and

**WHEREAS**, as a result of COVID-19, to protect the health and safety of the American public and U.S. Census Bureau employees, the Census Bureau adjusted its key dates for completing the 2020 Census from the Original Schedule of March 12-July 31, 2020, to the New Schedule of October 31, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, the 2020 U.S. Census Bureau must submit state population totals from the 2020 Census to the President of the United States by December 31, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of County Commissioners recognizes the critical importance of achieving an accurate and complete population count among the residents of Seminole County as data from the census determines allocation of federal funding not only to states, but also local governments, that will provide vital assistance for activities and programs, and further recognizes that census counts determine representation in the U.S. House of Representatives, and are used for redistricting state and local legislative districts, including Seminole County Commission districts; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of County Commissioners has authority to create a government-sponsored Census Response Team to create awareness and motivation for residents to participate in the 2020 Census, and to assist the U.S. Census Bureau in census follow-up activities, if requested; and

**WHEREAS**, the census, since its beginning in 1790, has never been cancelled or delayed; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, SEMINOLE COUNTY, FLORIDA, THAT:**

The Board of County Commissioners (the "Board") hereby creates the Seminole County 2020 Census Response Team, wherein the following Board of County Commissioners, Seminole County Census Response Team, and Response Team Coordinator structure and directives shall apply:

**Section 1.** The Board shall confirm members of the Seminole County 2020 Response Team (Census Response Team) consisting of volunteer staff members representing Seminole County Government, County Municipalities, Seminole County Sheriff's Office, Seminole County Public Schools, East Central Florida Regional Planning Council, and the Central Florida Regional Transportation Authority (LYNX).

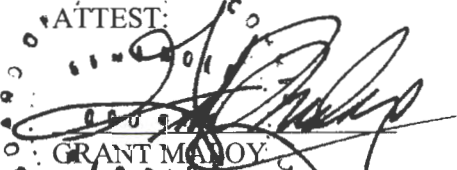
**Section 2.** The Board shall appoint a County staff representative to serve as the Census Response Team Coordinator.

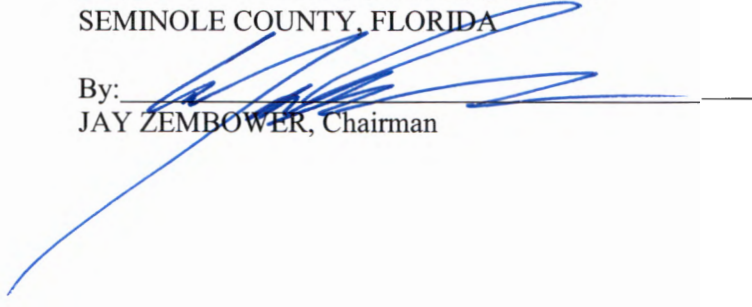
**Section 3.** The Census Response Team will create and implement an Action Plan, establishing the Team's roles and responsibilities to encourage participation in the 2020 Census toward achieving an accurate and complete population count and maximizing the response rate to the 2020 Census.

**Section 4.** The Team Coordinator shall submit the Census Response Team's Action Plan to the Board.

**Section 5.** The Census Response Team shall serve from August 1, 2020 through October 31, 2020, and may assist the U. S. Census Bureau in census related follow-up activities, if requested.

**ADOPTED THIS 28<sup>th</sup> Day of July 2020**

ATTEST:  
  
GRANT MANOY  
Clerk to the Board of  
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Seminole County, Florida

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