

**PROCLAMATION
OF THE
SEMINOLE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
PROCLAIMING APRIL 1, 2019, AS
CENSUS 2020 AWARENESS DAY
IN SEMINOLE COUNTY, FLORIDA**

WHEREAS, the first U.S. census occurred in 1790, during the first term of our first president, George Washington; and

WHEREAS, the first U.S. census population count was 3,929,625, and Congress used these results to apportion 105 seats among 15 states; and

WHEREAS, on July 2, 1909, Congress approved the 1910 Census Act, the first under the newly established Bureau of the Census; and

WHEREAS, Article 1, Section 2, of the United States Constitution requires that a census of the population occur every 10 years; and

WHEREAS, the next Decennial Census will occur on April 1, 2020; and

WHEREAS, an accurate census count is vital to the community and residents' well-being by helping planners determine where to locate schools, day-care centers, roads, public transportation, hospitals, and other facilities, and is used to make decisions concerning business growth and housing needs; and

WHEREAS, census data ensures fair Congressional representation by determining how many seats each state will have in the U.S. House of Representatives as well as the redistricting of state legislatures, county, and city councils, and voting districts; and

WHEREAS, an accurate population count ensures that Seminole County maintains, or increases eligibility for a number of federal and state grant programs that are based on population counts; and

WHEREAS, the information collected by the census is protected by law and remains confidential for 72 years; and

WHEREAS, the 2020 Census will create jobs that stimulate economic growth and increase employment opportunities in our community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Seminole County Board of County Commissioners hereby proclaims April 1, 2019, as "Census 2020 Awareness Day" in Seminole County, and encourages all residents to participate in events and initiatives that will raise overall awareness of the 2020 Census and ensure a full and accurate count in Seminole County.

ADOPTED this 9th day of April, 2019.



**Jay Zembower, Vice Chairman
Seminole County, Board of County Commissioners**