

## **Resolution to Support the 2020 Census**

**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**, the next enumeration will be April 1, 2020 and will be the first to rely heavily on online responses; and

**WHEREAS**, the primary and perpetual challenge facing the U.S. Census Bureau is the undercount of certain population groups; and

**WHEREAS**, that challenge is amplified in Stamford, given the size of the city and the diversity of communities; and

**WHEREAS**, Stamford has a large percentage of individuals that are considered traditionally hard to count; and

**WHEREAS**, these diverse communities and demographic populations are at risk of being missed in the 2020 Census; and

**WHEREAS**, a complete and accurate count of Stamford's population is essential; and

**WHEREAS**, the information collected by the Census is confidential and protected by law

**WHEREAS**, the data collected by the decennial Census determines the number of seats each state has in the U.S. House of Representatives and is used to distribute billions of dollars in federal funds to state and local governments; and

**WHEREAS**, Connecticut receives nearly 27% of the State's revenue from the Federal Government.

**WHEREAS**, the data is also used in the redistricting of State and City legislatures and governing bodies.

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

**WHEREAS**, this includes coordination between tribal, city, county, state governments, community-based organizations, education, and many more; and

**WHEREAS**, U.S. Census Bureau is facing several challenges with Census 2020, including constrained fiscal environment, rapidly changing use of technology, declining response rates, increasingly diverse and mobile population, thus support from partners and stakeholders is critical.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the City of Stamford, in partnership with other local governments, the State, businesses, schools, and community organizations, is committed to robust outreach and communication strategies, focusing on reaching the hardest-to-count individuals and the City of Stamford recognizes the importance of the 2020 U.S. Census and supports helping to ensure a complete, fair, and accurate count of all residents in the City of Stamford.