

Proclamation

WHEREAS, government exists to serve the people, and it is imperative that elected officials and agencies have an accurate understanding of who they are serving. For this reason, the U.S. Constitution mandates a census be conducted every 10 years; and

WHEREAS, the census is a population count taken of everyone residing in the United States, and the results of the nationwide survey have a real impact on how government operates; and

WHEREAS, the numbers are used to allocate Congressional seats and electoral votes to the states, determine the kinds of services to provide the community and how best to distribute billions of dollars in federal funding to state and local governments; and

WHEREAS, legally, all people residing in the U.S. are required to participate in the census, a process which takes less than 10 minutes, and federal law protects the confidentiality of the census data collected and individual information cannot be shared with anyone; and

WHEREAS, the State of Hawai'i is committed to achieving a full and accurate census count and has formed the Hawai'i Government Complete Count Committee to support this effort; and

WHEREAS, the main goal of this committee is to encourage government workers and the people served through their offices to complete their census questionnaires; and

WHEREAS, the census is an economic and employment stimulus for our state and community;

THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor, and I, JOSHUA B. GREEN, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim April 1, 2019 as

"2020 CENSUS DAY"

in Hawaiʻi and encourage every Hawaiʻi resident to participate in activities related to the 2020 Census, including participation in our jurisdiction's Government Complete Count Committee.

Done at the State Capitol, in Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this twentieth day of March 2019.

JOSHUA B. GREEN

Lieutenant Governor, State of Hawai'i

DAVID Y. IGE

Governor, State of Hawai'i