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Legislation Text

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To Declare April 1st, 2019 Census Awareness Day

WHEREAS, every ten years, Article 1, Section 2 of the United States Constitution mandates a count of all the people living in the United States and its territories; and

WHEREAS, the 2020 Census will reach out to households across the nation with a simple questionnaire and the goal of counting everyone; and

WHEREAS, data obtained by the survey will be used to help determine how approximately nearly \$700 billion will be distributed from the federal government to state, local, and tribal governments annually; and

WHEREAS, up to \$2,000 of federal funding will be lost for each person not counted resulting in upwards of \$20,000 of federal funding lost every ten years; and

WHEREAS, a complete census count requires that we bring together leaders from all communities of Franklin County so that everyone regardless of racial, social, or economic background is counted; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Andrew Ginther and Commissioner Kevin Boyce established the Franklin County Complete Count Committee to collaborate with community partners to ensure an accurate 2020 Census count; and, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS:

That this Council does hereby declare April 1st, 2019 Census Awareness Day.