Franklin Special School District

2020 Census Proclamation

WHEREAS, the United States Census Bureau is required by the Constitution of the United States of America to conduct a count of the population and provides a historic opportunity for Williamson County and the City of Franklin to help shape the foundation of our society and play an active role in American democracy; and

WHEREAS, per the George Washington Institute of Public Policy, nearly \$900 billion per year in federal and state funding is allocated to communities based on census data, and decisions are made on matters of national and local importance including healthcare, community development, housing, education, social services, and much more; and

WHEREAS, census data determines 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, a united voice from businesses, government, community-based and faith-based organizations, educators, media and others will allow the 2020 Census message to reach a broader audience, providing trusted advocates who can speak positive conversations about the 2020 Census.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education and Director of Schools of the Franklin Special School District supports the goals and ideals for the 2020 Census and will help promote the dissemination of the 2020 Census information to encourage resident participation, in addition to asking other government bodies to partner together to achieve an accurate and complete count so every Williamson County resident can truly say "Everyone Counts".

AND, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education and Director of Schools of the Franklin Special School District do hereby encourage citizens of Williamson County to participate in events and initiatives that will raise overall awareness of the 2020 United States Census and increase participation among all populations.

IN OFFICIAL RECOGNITION THEREOF, as of this 16th day of September, 2019, our official Seal of the Franklin Special School District is duly affixed and our signatures proclaim our support, in the City of Franklin, Williamson County, Tennessee.

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