

## PROCLAMATION

### RECOGNIZING APRIL 1, 2020 AS "CENSUS DAY" IN TUCKER COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA

**WHEREAS**, Article 1, Section 2 of the United States Constitution mandates that a census be conducted of the nation's population every ten (10) years with the next census scheduled for April 1, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, it is vital that all households in Tucker County, West Virginia complete and submit a census form and every resident of our county counts and deserves to be counted; and

**WHEREAS**, the census will determine how the federal government distributes hundreds of billions of dollars allocated to more than 100 programs, including Medicaid, Head Start, block grants for community mental health services and the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, as well as other needs and services in West Virginia; and,

**WHEREAS**, the census will determine how the state of West Virginia distributes funds to communities for schools, roads and other public services; and

**WHEREAS**, census data ensures fair Congressional representation by determining how many elected congressional representatives and congressional districts each state will have; and

**WHEREAS**, it is essential that accurate data be collected from groups of people who are historically difficult to count, including young children, low-income individuals, military personnel, non-native English speakers, minorities, and rural residents; and

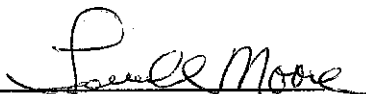
**WHEREAS**, planning, outreach, local government involvement, and community education are required to ensure that the census is as accurate as possible; and

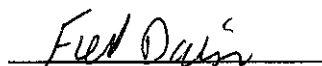
**WHEREAS**, the information collected by the Census is confidential and protected by law; and


**WHEREAS**, the Tucker County Commission does hereby agree to participate in the Tucker County Census 2020 Complete Count Committee and will make every effort to develop outreach activities especially designed to meet the needs of all residents and to reach those considered "hard to enumerate" and will encourage every resident to accurately complete the Census questionnaire on-line, over the telephone or promptly return it by mail.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the Tucker County Commission does hereby proclaim April 1, 2020, as Census Day in Tucker County, West Virginia and recognizes the importance of the 2020 Census and pledges full support to achieving a complete and accurate Census Count.

This the 25<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2020.

  
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Commission President

  
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