

**CITY OF WASHINGTON, ILLINOIS
PROCLAMATION**

Partnering with the 2020 Census to Help Ensure an Accurate Count for the City of Washington

WHEREAS, an accurate census count is vital to our community and residents' well-being by helping planners determine where to locate schools, day care centers, roads and public transportation, hospitals and other facilities, and achieving an accurate and complete count of the nation's growing and changing population; and

WHEREAS, more than \$675 billion in federal and state funding is allocated to states and communities base, in part on census data; and

WHEREAS, census data helps determine how many seats each state will have in the U.S. House of Representatives and often is used for redistricting of state legislatures, county and city councils and voting districts; and

WHEREAS, the 2020 Census creates jobs that stimulate economic growth and increase employment; and

WHEREAS, the information collected by the Census is confidential and protected by law under Title 13, U.S. Code.

As a 2020 Census Partner, we will:

Support the goals and ideals for the 2020 Census and disseminate 2020 Census information to encourage those in our community to participate;

Encourage people in our community to place and emphasis on the 2020 Census and participate in events and initiatives that will rise overall awareness and ensure a full and accurate census;

Support Census takers as they help our community complete an accurate count; and

Create or seek opportunities to collaborate with other like-minded groups in our community by participating in Complete Count Committees and/or utilizing high-profile, trusted voices to advocate on behalf of the 2020 Census.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Gary W. Manier, Mayor of the City of Washington do hereby proclaim that the City is committed to partnering with the U.S. Census Bureau to help ensure a full and accurate count in 2020.

Gary W. Manier, Mayor

Date

ATTEST: _____
Patricia, S. Brown, City Clerk