

**THE COUNCIL OF STATE GOVERNMENTS  
RESOLUTION AFFIRMING SUPPORT OF THE 2010 CENSUS**

**WHEREAS**, the U.S. Census Bureau is required by the Constitution of the United States of America to conduct a count of the population and provides an historic opportunity for The Council of State Governments to help shape the foundation of our society and play an active role in American democracy;

**WHEREAS**, The Council of State Governments is committed to ensuring every resident is counted;

**WHEREAS**, more than \$400 billion per year in federal and state funding is allocated to communities, and decisions are made on matters of national and local importance based on census data, including healthcare, community development, housing, education, transportation, social services, employment, and much more;

**WHEREAS**, census data determine 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;

**WHEREAS**, the 2010 Census creates hundreds of thousands of jobs across the nation;

**WHEREAS**, every Census Bureau worker takes a lifetime oath to protect confidentiality and ensure that data identifying respondents or their household not be released or shared for a period of 72 years;

**WHEREAS**, a united voice from businesses, government, community-based and faith-based organizations, educators, media and others will allow the 2010 Census message to reach a broader audience, providing trusted advocates who can spark positive conversations about the 2010 Census;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, The Council of State Governments supports the goals and ideals for the 2010 Census and will disseminate 2010 Census information to encourage participation.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, The Council of State Governments asks its affiliates and membership to partner together to achieve an accurate and complete count.

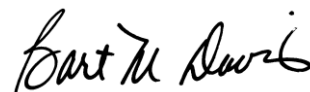
**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, The Council of State Governments encourages its members to participate in events and initiatives that will raise overall awareness of the 2010 Census and increase participation among all populations.

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Governor Joe Manchin III, West Virginia  
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