



Amherst County Board of Supervisors
County Resolution No. 2019-0011-R

For consideration on August 6, 2019

A RESOLUTION, NO. 2019-0011-R

A resolution, establishing the Amherst County 2020 Census Complete Count Committee.

Approved as to form by the County Attorney

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF AMHERST, VIRGINIA:

I. That the Board of Supervisors of Amherst County hereby supports the 2020 Census and creates a Complete Count Committee to plan and conduct local educational and promotional activities to increase community awareness and participation in the decennial census, as follows:

WHEREAS the U.S. Census Bureau is required by the U.S. Constitution to conduct a count of the population and provides a historic opportunity to help shape the foundation of our society and play an active role in American democracy; and

WHEREAS, the United States of America has performed a nationwide census every ten years since 1790, with the last census being in 2010; and

WHEREAS Amherst County, Virginia, is committed to ensuring every resident is counted; and

WHEREAS the information collected by the census is confidential and protected by law; and

WHEREAS federal and state funding is allocated to communities, and decisions are made on matters of national and local importance based on census data; and

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

WHEREAS information from the 2020 Census and American Community Survey are vital tools for economic development and increased employment; and

WHEREAS, accurate census information is critical to planning for future growth, development, and the social needs of Amherst County; and

WHEREAS, the more informed that residents become about the 2020 census, the better their understanding of the census process becomes, thus increasing their willingness to respond to the 2020 Census; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Complete Count Committee will be to advise and assist Amherst County in obtaining the most accurate and complete population count for the 2020 Census by increasing community awareness and conducting local outreach activities;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of Amherst County, Virginia, establishes the Amherst County 2020 Census Complete Count Committee, to be composed of not more than eleven (11) members, who shall be citizens of Amherst County chosen at large, but intended to represent a broad cross-section of the community. The members of the Committee shall be chosen by the County Administrator following public notice and application from the public.

II. That this resolution shall be in force and effect upon adoption.

Adopted this 6th day of August, 2019.

L.J. Ayers III, Chairman
Amherst County Board of Supervisors

Ray M. Gull
Vice Chairman

ATTEST:



Dean C. Rodgers, Clerk
Amherst County Board of Supervisors

Ayes 3

Nays 0

Abstentions 0