



Amherst County Board of Supervisors
County Resolution No. 2020-0002-R

For consideration on March 3, 2020

A RESOLUTION, NO. 2020-0002-R

A resolution, proclaiming April 1, 2020 Census Day

Approved as to form and legality by the County Attorney

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

I. That the Amherst County Board of Supervisors proclaims April 1, 2020 Census Day, as follows:

WHEREAS, Article 1, Section 2, of the United States Constitution mandates a decennial census stating “Representatives and direct Taxes shall be apportioned among the Several States...according to their respective Numbers...”; and

WHEREAS, the 2020 Census will address every household in the nation with a simple questionnaire with the goal of counting everyone once, only once, and in the right place; and

WHEREAS, every household in Amherst County is required by law to complete their census form and count everyone living with them on April 1, 2020 by responding online, by phone or with a paper questionnaire; and

WHEREAS, the data collected from this survey is used to determine a variety of things, including but not limited to: the distribution of Congressional seats in the United States House of Representatives, how to redistrict states, and how to allocate federal funds to states, which directly impacts communities; and

WHEREAS, additionally, residents, businesses, local governments, real estate developers, and city planners use the data collected in a variety of ways to support community initiatives, build factories and offices, plan new schools and hospitals, and develop new homes and revitalize old neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, data obtained by the survey will be used to help determine how approximately \$675 billion will be distributed from the federal government to state, local, and tribal governments annually; and

WHEREAS, up to \$2,000 of federal funding will be lost for each person not counted, meaning upwards of \$20,000 of federal funding lost every ten years; and

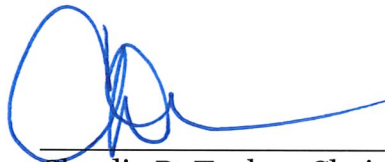
WHEREAS, it is important that everyone in Virginia counts, every community matters, and that every person who lives in Virginia has equitable access to opportunities, resources, and representation.

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

That the Board of Supervisors of Amherst County does hereby recognize April 1, 2020, as Census Day in Amherst County and call this observance to the attention of all our citizens.

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

Adopted this 3rd day of March, 2020.



Claudia D. Tucker, Chair
Amherst County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:



Dean C. Rodgers, Clerk
Amherst County Board of Supervisors

Ayes 5

Nays 0

Abstentions 0