

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

At Charleston

A PROCLAMATION

By the Governor

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 State of West Virginia is committed to ensuring every resident is counted; and

WHEREAS, federal and state funding is allocated to communities, and decisions are made on matters of national and local importance based, in part, on census data and housing; 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 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 the information collected by the census is confidential and protected by law; and

WHEREAS, a united voice from business, government, community-based and faith-based organizations, educators, media and others will enable the 2020 Census message to reach more of our citizens.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the State of West Virginia is committed to partnering with the U.S. Census Bureau and will:

1. Support the goals and ideals for the 2020 Census and will disseminate 2020 Census information.
2. Encourage all residents to participate in events and initiatives that will raise the overall awareness of the 2020 Census and increase participation.
3. Provide Census advocates to speak to community organizations.
4. Support census takers as they help our community complete an accurate count.
5. Strive to achieve a complete and accurate count of all persons within our jurisdiction.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I, JIM JUSTICE, by virtue of the authority vested in me as the Governor of the State of West Virginia, have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of West Virginia to be affixed.



By the Governor

DONE at the Capitol, in the City of Charleston, State of West Virginia, this the Twenty-fifth day of July, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Nineteen, and in the One Hundred Fifty-Seventh year of the State.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read "Jim Justice".

GOVERNOR

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read "Mac Warner".

SECRETARY OF STATE