## FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP RESOLUTION #2020-15

## RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE IMPORTANCE OF THE 2020 CENSUS

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;

**WHEREAS** the Township of Franklin, County of Hunterdon, is committed to ensuring every resident is counted;

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;

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

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

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

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** by the Township of Franklin, Hunterdon County:

That Franklin Township is committed to partnering with the U.S. Census Bureau and the State of New Jersey and will:

- 1. Support the goals and ideals for the 2020 Census and will disseminate 2020 Census information.
- 2. Encourage all Franklin Township 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 Franklin Township and Community Organizations. Support census takers as they help our Franklin Township complete an accurate count.
- 4. Strive to achieve a complete and accurate count of all persons within our borders

ADOPTED: 01/23/2020

Philip Koury, Mayor Township Committee

Attest and Affix Seal:

Christine J. Burke, RMC

Municipal Clerk

I, Christine J. Burke, Municipal Clerk of the Township of Franklin, County of Hunterdon, do hereby certify this to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Township Committee at a meeting held on January 23, 2020.

Christine Burke, RMC

Municipal Clerk