RESOLUTION NO. 2018-16



A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISOR OF SANTA CRUZ COUNTY, ARIZONA, (HEREINAFTER THE "COUNTY") TO PARTICIPATE IN THE CENSUS 2020 COMPLETE COUNT COMMITTEE AND TO ENCOURAGE EVERY PERSON TO BE COUNTED

WHEREAS, the United States Constitution requires a Census of the population of our nation every ten years with Census information used to determine how many representatives the State of Arizona has in the United States House of Representatives and is also used to determine districts in our State legislature and local government bodies; and,

WHEREAS, individual Census records are confidential for 72 years, are protected under Title 13 of the United States Code and will not be shared with immigration or law enforcement agencies; and,

WHEREAS, having an accurate and complete Census count is important to the County in determining Federal and State aids and grants, economic development, housing assistance, transportation improvements and many other uses; and,

WHEREAS, the County is concerned about historically undercounted populations including young children, young adults, elderly, immigrants, migrants, non-English speakers, and homeless; and recognizes that language, culture, trust and other social barriers have historically impeded some people from participating in the census; and,

WHEREAS, the County believes that every resident counts and deserves to be counted; and,

WHEREAS, an accurate Census count can't be achieved without local involvement and support and Complete Count Committees are a core strategic element of the Census Bureau to promote the Census; and,

WHEREAS, Complete Count Committees exist to plan and implement locally-based outreach campaigns that raise awareness of the Census and are comprised of trusted voices in the community.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Cruz County as follows:

<u>SECTION 1</u>: The Board recognizes the importance of the 2020 Census and hereby resolves to participate in a countywide Complete Count Committee.

<u>SECTION 2</u>: The Board further resolves that every Santa Cruz County resident counts and deserves to be counted.

Adopted this 2nd day of October , 2018.

Rudy Molera Chairman

APPROVE

ATTESTED:

Melinda Meek Clerk of the Board Charlene Laplante

Chief Deputy County Attorney

APPROVED AS TO FORM: