

CHAPTER 87
(HCR 137)

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION urging local communities in Kentucky to establish Complete Count Committees in order to localize Census efforts.

WHEREAS, the 2020 Census is almost one year away and Kentucky needs to ensure a maximum response rate; and

WHEREAS, Kentucky must count every resident in order to ensure appropriate representation in the Kentucky General Assembly and the United States Congress; and

WHEREAS, the 1990 Census count resulted in a loss of one congressional seat for the Commonwealth of Kentucky; and

WHEREAS, according to a study from the Census Bureau, over 132 federal programs use Census data to distribute funds, and research from George Washington University shows that more than \$15 billion in annual federal spending on Kentucky is guided by data derived from the Census; and

WHEREAS, Kentucky needs to maximize the 2020 Census response rates among households in counties across the Commonwealth, and low response rates can result in undercounts of population that affect Congressional apportionment and funding levels for local programs; and

WHEREAS, the United States Census Bureau recommends each state create a state Complete Count Committee with the goals of heightening awareness about the 2020 Census and encouraging the populace to participate in the United States Census of Population; and

WHEREAS, on March 14, 2018, Governor Matthew G. Bevin established by executive order a task force known as the Kentucky Complete Count Task Force to develop an action plan for maximizing responses to the Census;

NOW, THEREFORE,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, the Senate concurring therein:

➔Section 1. The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky urges local communities throughout Kentucky to establish local Complete Count Committees and to engage in publicity, outreach, and educational efforts to community leaders in an effort to overcome cultural, economic, technological, and linguistic barriers to participation in the Census.

➔Section 2. The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky further urges all local governments, leaders, media, and stakeholders, including citizens of Kentucky, to fully prepare and participate in planning for the 2020 Census.

➔Section 3. The Clerk of the House of Representatives shall send a copy of this Resolution and notification of its adoption to the Kentucky Association of Counties, 4000 Englewood Drive, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601; the Kentucky League of Cities, 100 East Vine Street, Suite 800, Lexington, Kentucky 40507; and to Governor Matthew G. Bevin, State Capitol, Room 100, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

Signed by Governor March 25, 2019.