

## RESOLUTION NO. .

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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### RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE IMPORTANCE OF THE 2020 CENSUS AND ENCOURAGING RESIDENTS OF THE COUNTY OF SAN MATEO TO PROMOTE AND COMPLETE THE CENSUS TO ENSURE A FAIR, ACCURATE AND COMPLETE COUNT

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**RESOLVED**, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo, State of California, that

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the United States (US) Constitution, every 10 years, the federal government is required to count all residents in the United States, citizens and noncitizens, through a national census; and

**WHEREAS**, the next national census, scheduled to begin in April 2020, is central to our democracy; and

**WHEREAS**, a primary and perpetual challenge facing the US Census Bureau is the undercount of certain population groups; and

**WHEREAS**, California has a large percentage of individuals that are considered traditionally hard to count; and

**WHEREAS**, there are over 100 languages spoken in the County; and

**WHEREAS**, 34.8 percent of residents in the County are foreign born; and

**WHEREAS**, the data is collected by the decennial Census determines the number of seats each state has in the US House of Representatives and is used to distribute billions of dollars in federal funds to state and local governments; and

**WHEREAS**, the data is also used in the redistricting of state legislatures, county boards of supervisors and city councils; and

**WHEREAS**, California receives nearly \$77,000,000,000 in federal funding that is allocated, in part, based on census data; and

**WHEREAS**, US Census is facing several challenges with Census 2020, including constrained fiscal environment, rapidly changing use of technology, declining response rates, increasingly diverse and mobile population, thus support from partners and stakeholders is critical; and

**WHEREAS**, a complete and accurate count of California's population is essential; and

**WHEREAS**, the decennial census is a massive undertaking that requires cross-sector collaboration and partnership in order to achieve a complete and accurate count; and

**WHEREAS**, California's leaders have dedicated a historic amount of funding and resources to ensure every Californian is counted once, only once and in the right place; and

**WHEREAS**, this includes coordination between tribal, city, county, state governments, community-based organizations, education, and many more; and

**WHEREAS**, the County received \$228,000 from the State of California for use in Census 2020 efforts and outreach; and

**WHEREAS**, the County is committed to ensuring a complete and accurate count by partnering with other local government, the State, businesses, schools and community organizations; and

**WHEREAS**, the County has committed resources toward a robust outreach and communications strategies; focusing on reaching the hardest-to-count individuals.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** this Board recognize the importance of the 2020 Census and encourages residents of the County to promote and complete the census to ensure a fair, accurate and complete count.

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