

# Proclamation

Know all citizens by these presents that:

WHEREAS, an accurate census count is vital to our community and residents' well-being by helping planners determine where to locate schools, day care centers, roads and public transportation, hospitals and other facilities; and

WHEREAS, an accurate census count is vital to achieving an accurate and complete count of the nation's growing and changing population; and

WHEREAS, more than \$675 billion per year in federal and state funding is allocated to states and communities based, in part, on census data; and

WHEREAS, census data help determine how many seats each state will have in the U.S. House of Representatives and often is used for the redistricting of state legislatures, county and city councils and voting districts; and

WHEREAS, the 2020 Census creates jobs that stimulate economic growth and increase employment; and

WHEREAS, the information collected by the census is confidential and protected by law.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Dr. Richard W. West, Mayor of the City of Chesapeake, Virginia, do hereby proclaim that the City is committed to partnering with the U.S. Census Bureau to help ensure a complete and accurate count in 2020.

BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED that as a 2020 Census partner, the City will:

- Support the goals and ideals for the 2020 Census and disseminate 2020 Census information to encourage residents in our community to participate.
- Encourage people in our community to place an emphasis on the 2020 Census and participate in events and initiatives that will raise overall awareness and ensure a complete and accurate census.
- Support census takers as they help our community complete an accurate count.
- Create or seek opportunities to collaborate with other like-minded groups in our community by participating in the Chesapeake Census 2020 Complete Count Committee and utilizing high-profile, trusted voices to advocate on behalf of the 2020 Census.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the SEAL of the City of Chesapeake, Virginia to be affixed hereto this twenty-second day of October in the year of our Lord, two thousand nineteen.



  
DR. RICHARD W. WEST, MAYOR