



— State of —
North Dakota
Office of the Governor

Doug Burgum
Governor

EXECUTIVE ORDER 2019-05

WHEREAS, the United States Constitution mandates that the nation undertake a census of population every 10 years; and

WHEREAS, the United States Census is vital to the State of North Dakota and to its counties, cities and townships; and

WHEREAS, a substantial number of federal programs benefiting North Dakota residents rely on census enumerations to establish funding formula distributions to states; and

WHEREAS, even a one-tenth of 1 percent undercount of North Dakota's population could result in a loss of approximately \$14,500,000 in federal funding over the next decade; and

WHEREAS, it is vitally important that every household in North Dakota complete a census form; and

WHEREAS, the United States Census Bureau encourages all states to establish a Complete Count Committee with the goals of heightening awareness about the 2020 Census and encouraging all residents to participate in the U.S. Census of Population; and

WHEREAS, the State of North Dakota is committed to a complete and accurate census count and is placing special emphasis on identifying members of population groups traditionally undercounted; and

WHEREAS, the State of North Dakota is committed to ensuring North Dakota has an accurate count of its citizens during the 2020 Census.

NOW, THEREFORE, Doug Burgum, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, hereby orders as follows:

- I. The North Dakota Complete Count Task Force for Census 2020 (hereafter "Task Force") is hereby established.
- II. The Task Force shall consist of a minimum of fifteen members from local, tribal, regional and state organizations, political subdivisions, associations, and/or agencies, reflecting North Dakota's geographic, cultural and ethnic diversity, appointed by the Governor. The Lieutenant Governor or designee shall serve as the Chair of the Task Force.
- III. The Task Force shall:
 - a. Coordinate the state government's effort in preparing for Census 2020;
 - b. Work with tribal, county, city and other in-state Complete Count Committees as well as social and ethnic groups to reach every resident of the state and educate them as to the importance of their participation;

- c. Determine if the Task Force will have subcommittees;
- d. Identify and mitigate concerns and issues related to participation of all residents in Census 2020;
- e. Develop strategies to ensure those groups identified as hard-to-count populations can be enumerated;
- f. Be supported by staff from the North Dakota Department of Commerce;
- g. Promote the uses of the decennial census count and why an accurate count is critical to every resident of the state; and
- h. Assist the North Dakota Department of Commerce in developing messages that can be used to inspire every resident to participate in Census 2020.

The Governor is vested with executive authority to issue this Order pursuant to Article V, Section 1 of the North Dakota Constitution.

This Order is effective immediately, and it shall remain in effect until rescinded.

Executed at Bismarck, North Dakota, this 7th day of May, 2019.


Doug Burgum, Governor

ATTEST:


Al Jaeger, Secretary of State

Deputy