

State of Louisiana



EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER JBE 2019- 22

THE LOUISIANA COMPLETE COUNT COMMITTEE

- WHEREAS,** Article 1, Section 2 of the United States Constitution mandates that a census be conducted of the nation's population every ten years with the next census scheduled for April 1, 2020;
- WHEREAS,** it is vital that all households in Louisiana participate in the census;
- WHEREAS,** it is essential that the 2020 Census obtain a complete and accurate count of Louisiana's population because the results will be used to determine congressional representation, allocate federal formula grant funds, redistrict federal, state, and local governmental bodies, and determine other important matters including critical community services and economic development until the next decennial census;
- WHEREAS,** it is essential that accurate data be collected from all Louisianans including groups of people which have typically been underrepresented, including the youth, elderly, low-income individuals, military personnel, Native French Speakers, American Indians, racial and ethnic minorities, homeless, and rural residents;
- WHEREAS,** planning, outreach, local and parish government involvement, and community education are required to ensure that the census is as accurate as possible;
- WHEREAS,** the United States Census Bureau has designated the Governor as the administrator of the State of Louisiana's 2020 Census; and
- WHEREAS,** the United States Census Bureau encourages each state to form a Complete Count Committee to increase awareness and understanding about the vital importance of the 2020 Census and encourage people to participate in the 2020 Census.

NOW THEREFORE, I, JOHN BEL EDWARDS, Governor of the State of Louisiana, by virtue of the authority vested by the Constitution and laws of the State of Louisiana, do hereby order and direct as follows:

SECTION 1: The Louisiana Complete Count Committee (hereafter "Committee") is hereby established within the Office of the Governor.

SECTION 2: Membership

- A. The Committee shall consist of at least 15 members appointed by the Governor and may include, but shall not be limited to, current or past state and local officials or their designees, representatives of various faith, community, and stakeholder organizations, and such other members as may be appointed by the Governor in an effort to represent or reflect the diverse geographic, socio-economic, gender, racial, occupational, political, and cultural composition of the State of Louisiana.
- B. The Governor shall designate the chairman of the Committee from the appointed membership. The Committee may elect a vice-chairman and such

other officers as it deems necessary.

- C. All members of the Committee shall serve at the pleasure of the Governor who may select and appoint a successor in the event of a vacancy and may otherwise alter the composition of the Committee at any time.

SECTION 3:

Duties

The Committee shall have the following duties and functions:

- A. Work collaboratively with the United States Census Bureau and any other in-state Complete Count Committees, as determined by the Committee, to increase awareness of, and encourage Louisianans to respond to, the 2020 Census;
- B. Utilize members' knowledge, expertise, and experience to educate individuals and communities regarding the 2020 Census and seek to ensure the highest census participation rate possible;
- C. Promote participation in the 2020 Census;
- D. Develop partnerships to increase participation in the 2020 Census;
- E. Distribute and share census information with traditionally hard-to-count areas and populations;
- F. Identify barriers that might impede the progress of the 2020 Census; and
- G. Advise the Governor on census activities.

SECTION 4:

Meetings

The Committee shall meet at least quarterly and upon the call of the Committee Chair(s) or the Governor. A simple majority of the Committee members shall constitute a quorum.

SECTION 5:

Administration

- A. The Committee may create sub-committees.
- B. The Office of the Governor shall provide staff and administrative support services for the Committee.
- C. Committee members shall not receive additional compensation or a *per diem* from the Office of the Governor for serving on the Committee; however, Committee members who are an employee or an elected public official of the State of Louisiana or a political subdivision of the State of Louisiana may seek reimbursement of travel expenses, in accordance with PPM 49, from their employing and/or elected department, agency and/or office.

SECTION 6:

This Order is effective upon signature and shall continue in effect until amended, modified, terminated, or rescinded by the governor, or terminated by operation of law.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand officially and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of Louisiana in the City of Baton Rouge, on this 17th day of December, 2019.



GOVERNOR OF LOUISIANA

ATTEST BY THE SECRETARY
OF STATE



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