

RESOLUTION NO. R2018-009

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YUMA,
ARIZONA, TO PARTICIPATE IN THE CENSUS 2020 COMPLETE
COUNT COMMITTEE AND TO ENCOURAGE EVERY PERSON TO BE
COUNTED**

WHEREAS, the United States Constitution requires a Census of the population of our nation every ten years with Census information used to determine how many representatives the State of Arizona has in the United States House of Representatives and is also used to determine districts in our State legislature and local government bodies; and,

WHEREAS, individual Census records are confidential for 72 years, are protected under Title 13 of the United States Code and will not be shared with immigration or law enforcement agencies; and,

WHEREAS, having an accurate and complete Census count is important to the City of Yuma in determining Federal and State aids and grants, economic development, housing assistance, transportation improvements and many other uses; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Yuma is concerned about historically undercounted populations including young children, young adults, elderly, immigrants, migrants, non-English speakers, and homeless; and recognizes that language, culture, trust and other social barriers have historically impeded some people from participating in the census; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Yuma, the City of San Luis, the City of Somerton, the Town of Wellton and Yuma County agree that every resident of Yuma County counts and deserves to be counted; and,

WHEREAS, an accurate Census count can't be achieved without local involvement and support and Complete Count Committees are a core strategic element of the Census Bureau to promote the Census; and,

WHEREAS, Complete Count Committees exist to plan and implement locally based outreach campaigns that raise awareness of the Census and are comprised of trusted voices in the community.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Yuma as follows:

SECTION 1: The City Council recognizes the importance of the 2020 Census and hereby establishes the City's participation in the regional Yuma County Complete Count Committee.

SECTION 2: The City Council further resolves that every Yuma County resident counts and deserves to be counted.

Adopted this _____ day of _____, 2018.

APPROVED:

Douglas J. Nicholls
Mayor

ATTESTED:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Lynda L. Bushong
City Clerk

Richard W. Files
City Attorney