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**MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH
RESOLUTION SERIAL NO. 19-073**

A RESOLUTION OF THE MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH ASSEMBLY IN SUPPORT
OF CENSUS 2020.

WHEREAS, the United States Census Bureau is required by the United States Constitution to conduct a count of the population to help shape the foundation of our society and play an active role in American democracy; and

WHEREAS, the Borough continues to be the fastest growing Borough in the State; and

WHEREAS, the Borough is committed to ensuring that every resident is counted in the 2020 decennial census; and

WHEREAS, billions of dollars per year in federal and state funding are allocated to communities and decisions are made on matters of national and local importance based on census data, including healthcare, community development, housing, education, transportation, social services, employment, and much more; and

WHEREAS, census data determines how many seats each state will have in the United States House of Representatives, as well as the redistricting of the Alaska State Legislature and state voting precinct boundaries; and

WHEREAS, census data also determines how the Assembly seats are reapportioned to ensure fair representation to all Borough residents; and

WHEREAS, it is anticipated that the Borough core area will receive an urbanized designation as a result of the 2020 Census; and

WHEREAS, this anticipated designation makes it vital that the receive a complete count of our residents during the 2020 Census.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Assembly directs staff to utilize the materials in the "Community Outreach" toolkit to encourage all residents to complete their census; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Assembly supports the efforts of the United States Census Bureau to ensure a complete and accurate reporting of respondents; and urges local non-profit organizations, businesses, community councils, and citizens to join with local, state, and national partners to achieve an accurate and complete census count.

ADOPTED by the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly this 20 day
of August, 2019.



VERN HALTER, Borough Mayor

ATTEST:



LONNIE R. McKECHNIE, CMC, Borough Clerk

(SEAL)



PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: Sykes, Beck, McKee, Leonard, Mayfield, Sumner,
and Boeve