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3 **RESOLUTION No. R-_____**

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5 **A NON-BINDING RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE CENSUS 2020**
6 **FORT WAYNE COMPLETE COUNT COMMITTEE**
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8 **WHEREAS**, as directed by the United States Constitution in Article 1, Section 2, every
9 ten years the United States Census Bureau counts residents across the country; and
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11 **WHEREAS**, April 1, 2020 is the official Census Day for individuals to submit their
12 Census form online, by phone, or by mail; and
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14 **WHEREAS**, the City of Fort Wayne officially kicked off the 2020 Census Complete
15 Count Committee on October 18, 2019, and all City of Fort Wayne and Allen County residents
16 are invited to participate in the Fort Wayne Counts On Me awareness campaign; and
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18 **WHEREAS**, the information collected by the Census is confidential and protected by
19 law; and
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21 **WHEREAS**, under Title 13, the Census Bureau cannot release any identifiable
22 information about individual information collected in the census, even to law enforcement
23 agencies, and private data is protected; and
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25 **WHEREAS**, Fort Wayne's Complete Count Committee (CCC) is comprised of a united
26 voice from business, government, community-based and faith-based organizations, educators,
27 and media outlets to enable the 2020 Census message to reach all citizens; and
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29 **WHEREAS**, the purpose of the CCC is to raise awareness of the importance of Census
30 2020, strategically reaching out to historically undercounted communities, and to encourage
31 collaborating community advocates to vigorously participate in sharing information about the
32 Census with all members of the community; and
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34 **WHEREAS**, a complete count ensures accurate Census data that is critical for local
35 governmental policies and decision making, including, but not limited to the funding of
36 programs related to housing, schools, health, infrastructure, and emergency services that
37 critically impact the community; and
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39 **WHEREAS** the American Community Survey as it is a vital tool for economic
40 development and employment projections; and
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42 **WHEREAS**, future federal representation is determined by a complete count, ensuring
43 that Northeast Indiana remains appropriately represented on the national level; and
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WHEREAS, the CCC is chaired by the City Community Liaison, with community members as Co-Chairs, CCC Subcommittees in different realms, and thoroughly and thoughtfully structured by members of all communities in the City of Fort Wayne.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT WAYNE INDIANA, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The City of Fort Wayne is committed to partnering with the U.S. Census Bureau and will:

- a. Encourage all residents to be counted as part of the national Census.
- b. Encourage all residents to participate in events and initiatives that will raise the overall awareness of the 2020 Census and increase participation in the Census.
- c. Provide opportunities for our Complete Count Committee advocates to bring awareness to historically undercounted communities, diverse community organizers, volunteer organizations and advocacy groups.
- d. Invite and support all City of Fort Wayne residents to participate in the #FortWayneCountsOnMe awareness movement.

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