

County of Champaign, Illinois Census 2010 Proclamation

Whereas, the next **Decennial Census** will be taken in the year 2010, and political representation to the United States House of Representatives, state legislatures and local governments is determined by the **Decennial Census**, and Champaign County recognizes the equal importance of each resident in the 2010 Census count; and,

Whereas, Champaign County has agreed to be one of 6,425 government entities in partnership with the U.S. Bureau of the Census; and,

Whereas Champaign County understands that its primary role in this partnership is to formulate a **COMPLETE COUNT COMMITTEE** that should include, but is not limited to the following sub-committees: **Government, Education, Media, Religious, Community-based Organizations, Business, Recruiting, and Special Housing**; and,

Whereas, the role of the **Government** sub-committee is to bridge all gaps between the community and the Census Bureau on geographic matters, outreach activities, and information centers; and,

Whereas, the role of the **Education** sub-committee is to create census awareness programs for pre-kindergarten to college age students, coalesce with educational institutions, distribute Census Bureau Education Programs, and to encourage parents and college students to apply for Census jobs; and,

Whereas, the role of the **Media** sub-committee is to utilize all aspects (print and electronic) of its industry to inform, motivate, and educate the County's residents in the necessity and importance of their rapid response and 100% participation in the Census 2010; and,

Whereas, the role of the **Religion** sub-committee is to form a cross denominational coalition for the dissemination of Census information, inclusion of special announcements in church bulletins and sermons, hosting of Census awareness activities, and circulation of Census job opening bulletins; and,

Whereas, the role of the **Community-based Organizations** sub-committee is to make the community aware of the many ways Census data is used to obtain funding for essential services and programs; and,

Whereas, the role of the **Business** sub-committee is to encourage all area businesses to advertise the Census message in sales advertisements, promotional materials and displays, and to sponsor Census 2010 community awareness activities; and,

Whereas, the role of the **Recruiting** sub-committee is to receive and disseminate to all segments of the community, information regarding the availability of Census jobs in the local area; and,

*Whereas, the role of the **Special Housing** sub-committee is to assist in the location of shelters, soup kitchens, non-sheltered outdoor locations, group quarters, and other non-conventional housing facilities; and,*

*Therefore, I, C. Pius Weibel, County Board Chair of Champaign County, hereby proclaim full support and participation in the overwhelming success of Census 2010 through the formulation of a **COMPLETE COUNT COMMITTEE**.*