



# City of Grand Island

Tuesday, January 27, 2009

Council Session

## Item C2

### Proclamation "Census 2010"

*The next Dicennial Census will be taken in the Year 2010. The City of Grand Island recognizes the importance of each resident being counted in the census, as political representation will be determined. The formulation of a Complete Count Committee will assist in getting the information out to the citizen's of Grand Island of the importance of participating in the 2010 Census. The Mayor proclaims full support of and participation in the overwhelming success of "Census 2010". See attached PROCLAMATION.*

Staff Contact: Mayor Hornady

THE OFFICE OF THE MAYOR  
City of Grand Island  
State of Nebraska

PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS, the next *Dicennial 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 *Dicennial Census*, and the City of Grand Island recognizes the equal importance of each resident in the 2010 Census Count; and
- WHEREAS, the City of Grand Island has agreed to be one of 39,000 government entities in partnerships with the United States Bureau of the Census; and
- WHEREAS, the City of Grand Island 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 subcommittees: *Government, Education, Media, Religion, Community-based Organizations, Business, Recruiting, and Special Housing*; and
- WHEREAS, the role of the *Government* subcommittee 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* subcommittee is to create census awareness programs for pre-kindergarten to college age students, coalesce with educational institutions, distribute Census Bureau Educational Programs, and to encourage parents and college students to apply for Census jobs; and
- WHEREAS, the role of the *Media* subcommittee is to utilize all aspects (print and electronic) of its industry to inform, motivate, and educate the City's residents in the necessity and importance of their rapid response and 100% participation in Census 2010; and
- WHEREAS, the role of the *Religion* subcommittee 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* subcommittee is to make the community aware of the many ways Census data are used to obtain funding for essential services and programs; and

WHEREAS,

the role of the *Business* subcommittee 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* subcommittee 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* subcommittee is to assist in the location of shelters, soup kitchens, non-sheltered outdoor locations, group quarters, and other non-conventional housing facilities.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Margaret Hornady, Mayor of the City of Grand Island, Nebraska, do hereby proclaim full support of and participation in the overwhelming success of


**“CENSUS 2010”**

in the City of Grand Island through the formulation of a *Complete Count Committee*.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the City of Grand Island to be affixed this twenty seventh day of January in the year of our Lord Two Thousand and Nine.

  
Margaret Hornady, Mayor

Attest:

  
RaNae Edwards, City Clerk

