

RESOLUTION 2020 - 165

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BARNEGAT, COUNTY OF OCEAN,
STATE OF NEW JERSEY, SUPPORTING A COMPLETE AND ACCURATE COUNT
IN THE 2020 CENSUS**

WHEREAS, The Census has taken place every 10 years since 1790, as mandated by the U. S. Constitution -An effort to count every person living in the United States; and

WHEREAS, Census 2020 will commence on or about March 15, 2020 with a mailing to every address in the nation, directing every person to complete the census questionnaire; and

WHEREAS, an accurate and complete population and housing unit count is extremely important to the residents and local government of Ocean County and the State of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, census data directly affects how more than \$22.7 billion per year is allocated in our state, which equates to about \$2,548 per New Jersey residents and ;

WHEREAS, Census 2020 is important for Ocean County and its municipalities as the data is used for important infrastructure improvements and essential programs and services for seniors, public health, education, transportation, and planning by government and private businesses; and

WHEREAS, the census count directly determines representation in the U.S. Congress and New Jersey Legislature; and

WHEREAS, the confidentiality of the responses are protected by law and cannot be used for any other purpose; and

WHEREAS, in 2019 Ocean County established a Census Complete Count Committee, bringing together partners with local knowledge and resources to raise awareness and educate residents on the importance of the Census and to promote the census through locally based, targeted outreach efforts; and

WHEREAS, the Complete Count Committee is comprised of representatives from the Ocean County Government Departments, municipalities, Ocean County Library, non-profits and service organizations, community leaders, faith based groups, schools, businesses, media outlets and others; and

WHEREAS, the County encourages its municipalities to partner with the County to outreach to all their residents to provide assistance and information, and to work towards a complete and accurate count for Census 2020

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by Barnegat Township, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey that the governing body encourages the residents of its municipality to work toward a complete and accurate count in the 2020 Census.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Resolution shall be made available to the Ocean County Administrator, Ocean County Planning Director, Ocean County Public Information Director, New Jersey Department of State, United States Bureau of the Census, and Ocean County Municipalities.

CERTIFICATION

I, Michele A. Rivers Municipal Clerk of the Township of Barnegat, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted by the Township Committee of the Township of Barnegat at their regular meeting held on the 7th day of April 2020, in the Municipal Complex, 900 West Bay Avenue, Barnegat, New Jersey.

Michele A. Rivers, RMC
Municipal Clerk