

PROCLAMATION

Recognizing April 1, 2020 as "CENSUS DAY"
In Bleckley County and City of Cochran, Georgia

WHEREAS, Article 1, Section 2 of the Constitution of the United States mandates that a census be conducted of the nation's population every 10 years with the next census scheduled for April 1, 2020; and,

WHEREAS, it is vital that all households in Cochran-Bleckley County complete and submit a census form and every resident of our community is counted and deserves to be counted; and,

WHEREAS, the census will determine how the federal government distributes \$675 billion in funding, including an estimated \$16 billion for critical community services, housing, transportation, healthcare, economic development, as well as other needs and services in Georgia; and,

WHEREAS, the census will determine how the state of Georgia distributes \$1.5 billion for municipal street maintenance, state tax distributions as well as other revenues to municipalities and counties throughout the state; and,

WHEREAS, census data ensures fair Congressional representation by determining how many elected congressional representatives and congressional districts each state will have; and,

WHEREAS, it is essential that accurate data be collected from groups of people who are historically difficult to count, including young children, low-income individuals, military personnel, non-native English speakers, minorities, and rural residents; and,


WHEREAS, planning, outreach, local government involvement, and community education are required to ensure that the census is as accurate as possible; and,

WHEREAS, the information collected by the Census is confidential and protected by law; and,

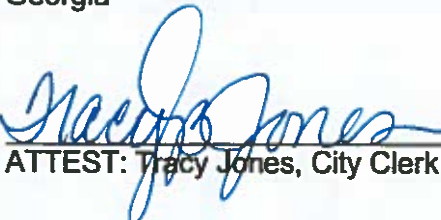
WHEREAS, the City of Cochran and Bleckley County hereby agree to participate in the 2020 Census and encourage every resident to accurately complete the Census questionnaire on-line, over the telephone or promptly return it by mail.

NOW THEREFORE, we do hereby proclaim April 1, 2020, as "CENSUS DAY" in the City of Cochran and Bleckley County, Georgia, and recognize the importance of the 2020 Census and pledge full support to achieving a complete and accurate Census Count.

On behalf of the City of Cochran, Georgia
This 10th day of March, 2020.




Billy Yeomans
Mayor, City of Cochran, Georgia
Georgia




ATTEST: Tracy Jones, City Clerk

On behalf of Bleckley County, Georgia
This 19th day of March, 2020.



Robert Brockman
Sole Commissioner, Bleckley County,



ATTEST: Diane S. Smith, County Clerk