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APRIL 1, 2020 AS "CENSUS DAY"

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

WHEREAS, it is vital that all households in Battle Ground, Washington complete and submit a census form, as every resident of our community counts and deserves to be counted; and

WHEREAS, the census will determine how the federal government distributes billions of dollars in funding for critical community services, housing, transportation, healthcare, economic development, as well as other needs and services in Washington State; and

WHEREAS, the census will determine how our state government distributes monies for municipal street maintenance and state tax distributions, as well as other revenue to municipalities; and

WHEREAS, census data ensures fair Congressional representation by determining how many elected congressional representatives and congressional districts each state will have, and it is predicted that Washington may gain an additional congressional district after the 2020 Census; 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.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Adrian Cortes, Mayor of the City of Battle Ground, do hereby proclaim April 1, 2020, as Census Day in the City of Battle Ground, recognizing the importance of the 2020 Census, and urge all persons to answer promptly, completely, and accurately all inquiries to contribute their share toward making this necessary public undertaking a success for all citizens in Battle Ground.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Battle Ground to be affixed this 16th day of March 2020.

Mayor Adrian Cortes