



# DeKalb County Government

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## Legislation Text

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Public Hearing: YES  NO

Department: Board of Commissioners - District 3

**SUBJECT:**

Commission District(s): ALL

2020 Census - To Establish a Complete County Committee

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**PURPOSE:**

To consider adopting the attached resolution creating a Complete County Committee for the 2020 Census. The CEO's office, each Commissioner's office and each Municipality will appoint a representative to participate on the Complete County Committee to help raise awareness and educate the residents of DeKalb County.

**NEED/IMPACT:**

The U.S. Census Bureau is required by the U.S. Constitution to conduct count of the population. The governing authority of DeKalb County is committed to ensuring every resident is counted. Complete Count ensures accurate Census data which provides information critical for government programs, policies, and decision making. In 2015 an independent study was conducted by George Washington University identifying that each resident of Georgia is allotted \$1339 per year for services. As part of the education process the county could receive \$985M per year over the next ten years with a 100% response rate. In 2010 for the last Census count, DeKalb County had a 72% response rate and therefore, failed to benefit from \$275M worth of funding.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

NONE

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Adopt the attached resolution to create a Complete County Committee for the 2020 Census. The DeKalb County governing authority will encourage all County residents to participate in events and initiatives that will raise the overall awareness of the 2020 Census and increase participation.