

**RESOLUTION 99-119**

**WHEREAS**, a Decennial Census of every resident is required under Article 1, Section 2 of the U.S. Constitution; and

**WHEREAS**, an accurate census is essential to Pennsylvania's representation in the U.S. House of Representatives, and impacts Pennsylvania's voting districts; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1998, Pennsylvania and its municipalities received 12 billion dollars in federal funds which are a direct result of the Census count; and

**WHEREAS**, Beaver County received \$140,000,057 in 1998 from federal grant and loan programs that require Census data as part of their funding formulas for distribution; and

**WHEREAS**, census data is used for investment, job development and marketing guidance and to determine the impact of educational, health and social programs; and

**WHEREAS**, individual and family information is held completely confidential by laws supported by court rulings at all levels and is never released even to other units of local, state or federal governments except in large statistical totals, or to family members after 72 years for genealogical purposes only; and

**WHEREAS**, the next Decennial Census will be taken in the Year 2000; and

**WHEREAS**, in order to insure that everyone residing in Hopewell Township is accurately counted in the Year 2000 Census, it is in the best interests of the Hopewell Township Board of Commissioners to create a Census 2000 Complete Count Committee; and

**WHEREAS**, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, the Pennsylvania State Association of Township Commissioners, and the U.S. Census Bureau, recommend the creation of the Census 2000 Complete Count Committee in all 2,568 local municipalities; and

**WHEREAS**, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, the Pennsylvania State Association of Township Commissioners, and the U.S. Census Bureau, also recommend that representatives from numerous groups, organizations, and agencies be appointed to said committee.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Hopewell Township Board of Commissioners that it hereby creates the Census 2000 Complete Count Committee to partner with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, the Pennsylvania State Association of Township Commissioners, and the U.S. Census Bureau, to ensure that every resident in Beaver County is counted in the Year 2000 Census.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that representatives from the business, not-for-profit, and religious communities, as well as, educators, members of the media, and senior citizens will be appointed to serve on the Census 2000 Complete Count Committee.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the first meeting of the committee shall convene within 30 days of the enactment of this resolution.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the certified copies of this resolution shall be forwarded to the Governor's Center for Local Government Services, the Pennsylvania State Association of Township Commissioners, and the U.S. Census Bureau.

ADOPTED THIS 14<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 1999.

HOPEWELL TOWNSHIP BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

  
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