

# *Proclamation*

**WHEREAS**, an accurate census count is vital to our community and residents' well-being in helping planners determine where to locate schools, day-care centers, roads and public transportation, hospitals and other facilities, and is used to make decisions concerning business growth and housing needs; and

**WHEREAS**, more than \$300 billion per year in federal and state funding is allocated to states and communities based on census data; and

**WHEREAS**, census data ensures fair Congressional representation by determining how many seats each state will have in the U.S. House of Representatives, as well as the redistricting of state legislatures, county and city councils, and voting districts; and

**WHEREAS**, the 2010 Census creates jobs that stimulate economic growth and increase employment opportunities in our community; and

**WHEREAS**, the information collected by the census is protected by law and remains confidential for 72 years; and

**WHEREAS**, it is important to support census takers as they help our community complete an accurate census count.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED** that the Board of County Commissioners of Hillsborough County, Florida, supports the

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and encourages all residents to participate in the Census, and join in events and initiatives that will raise overall awareness of the 2010 Census, to ensure a full and accurate count.

Executed this 15th day of July, 2009.