## PARTNERING WITH THE 2020 CENSUS BUREAU TO HELP ENSURE AN ACCURATE COUNT FOR FERGUSON TOWNSHIP

## PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the U.S. Census Bureau is required by the U.S. Constitution to conduct a count of the population which provides a historic opportunity to help share the foundation of our society and play an active role in American democracy; and

WHEREAS, Ferguson Township is committed to ensuring every resident is counted; and

WHEREAS, federal and state funding is allocated to communities, and decisions are made on matters of national and local importance based, in part, on census data and housing; and

WHEREAS, census data helps determine how many seats each state will have in the U.S. House of Representatives and is necessary for the accurate and fair redistricting of state legislative seats and voting districts; and

WHEREAS, information from the 2020 Census and American Community Survey are vital tools for economic development and increased employment; and

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

WHEREAS, a united voice from government, business, community-based, faith-based and social service organizations, educators, media and others will enable the 2020 Census message to reach more of our residents; and

**Now, therefore,** it is proclaimed that Ferguson Township is committed to partnering with the U.S. Census Bureau to help ensure a full and accurate count in 2020.

As a 2020 Census partner, we will:

- 1. Share the importance of the 2020 Census with Ferguson Township residents; and
- 2. Encourage residents to respond to the census when they receive the information in March 2020; and
- 3. Support Census takers as they help our community complete an accurate count; and
- 4. Promote the availability of Census Jobs in the Township; and
- 5. Encourage residents to participate in events and initiatives that will raise awareness of the 2020 Census and increase participation.

PROCLAIMED this 20th day of January 2020.

Ferguson Township Board of Supervisors,

Steve Miller, Chairman