

## **EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 9 OF 2018**

WHEREAS, the Constitution of the United States requires an actual enumeration of the entire United States population be conducted every ten years; and

WHEREAS, the next federal decennial census (the “Census”) of the United States population will begin on the first day of April, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Census is used to determine redistricting of state and local legislatures, state funding apportionment to localities, congressional representation and billions of dollars in federal funding; and

WHEREAS, during the 2010 Census, Westchester County’s population was found to have grown by three percent from 923,459 to 949,113 people; and

WHEREAS, the population growth in Westchester County was fueled, in large part, by the County’s diversity with the Hispanic population growing by 62,908 people; and

WHEREAS, the United States Census Bureau, for the first time ever, will ask every household to record which members of their family are United States citizens; and

WHEREAS, this question may deter immigrants from replying to the Census out of fear that their immigration status will be used against them; and

WHEREAS, it is illegal to share a person’s response to the Census with law enforcement or immigration officials; and

WHEREAS, it is critically important for Westchester County to ensure that every person, regardless of citizenship status, be accounted for without fear of retaliation; and

WHEREAS, a Complete Count Committee, composed of members with knowledge and understanding of the County’s diverse population, would be beneficial in consulting with and providing advice on the Census to the County Executive; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to establish and memorialize by Executive Order the creation of a Complete Count Committee;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, George Latimer, County Executive of the County of Westchester, in accordance with my statutory duties, do hereby order that there shall be a Complete Count Committee (the "Committee") to advise the County Executive on strategies to encourage participation in the Census; and it is further

RESOLVED that the Committee shall be constituted as follows:

1. The Committee shall consist of up to twenty-one members appointed by the County Executive, subject to the approval of the Board of Legislators;
2. The terms of all members shall expire on March 31, 2021;
3. The County Executive shall designate one member to be Chairman of the Committee;
4. The members of the Committee shall serve without compensation;
5. The Commissioner of Planning or his or her designee and the Deputy County Executive shall be ex officio members of the Committee without a vote;
6. The Committee shall meet at least once per month and at such times as either the Chair or six other members deem necessary. A special meeting may be called by giving at least two days' notice to the other members of the Committee of the time and place where the meeting is to be held;
7. The Committee shall consult with and advise the County Executive on matters related to the Census; and it is further

RESOLVED, that all requests for consideration to serve on the Complete Count Committee shall be addressed to the County Executive with copies of such requests provided to the Chairman of the Board of Legislators; and it is further

RESOLVED, that this Executive Order shall take effect immediately and shall remain in effect until March 31, 2021 unless otherwise superseded or revoked.

  
George Latimer  
County Executive

Dated: August \_\_, 2018  
White Plains, New York