



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Article I, Section 2 of the Constitution of the United States provides for a decennial census, and

WHEREAS, an accurate census count is vital to our community and residents' well-being by 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 ensure 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;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Neil Johnson, Jr., Mayor of the City of Bonney Lake, do hereby proclaim Bonney Lake's commitment to partner with the U.S. Census Bureau to help ensure a full and accurate Census count in 2010. As a 2010 Census partner, we will:

- Support the goals for 2010 Census complete count, and will disseminate 2010 Census information to encourage those in our community to participate;
- Encourage people to become informed as to the purposes and uses of the census to raise overall awareness of the 2010 Census and ensure a full and accurate census;
- Cooperate and coordinate with community based groups to advocate on behalf of the 2010 Census;
- Support census takers as they help our community complete an accurate count;
- Call upon Congress and the Census Bureau to collect and distribute useful and timely community information as a result of the decennial census process.

- Signed this 24th day of March, 2009

Neil Johnson, Jr., Mayor