



**BACA COUNTY  
2020 CENSUS  
COMPLETE COUNT COMMITTEE**



**Census Response Week, 2020  
A Proclamation**

**WHEREAS**, April 1, 2020 is Census Day for the United States of America pursuant to Article 1, Section 2 of the U.S. Constitution; and

**WHEREAS**, an accurate census is required for the proper allocation of representatives within the legislative bodies of the U.S. House of Representatives and Colorado State Legislature and is used in the redistricting of state and county voting districts; and

**WHEREAS**, correct apportionment of Federal dollars for health, education, transportation, child and elder care, emergency preparation and response, public and social support programs of all types and kinds depend on complete and accurate age, population and other ethnic and demographic information gathered every ten (10) years; and

**WHEREAS**, accurate census information is critical to planning for future growth, development and social needs of Baca County; and

**WHEREAS**, Baca County includes a portion of the State Colorado population, and many areas were deemed hard-to-count due to language barriers, transitory living and rural housing units where the digital divide make a fair and accurate count more challenging, which requires deliberate engagement for a high self-response rate and an accurate census.

**WHEREAS**, Invitations to respond to the 2020 Census will begin reaching every housing unit in March, including for the first time a way to respond online, and each response should take less than ten (10) minutes.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED THAT:**

The Board of County Commissioners of Baca County, Colorado, does hereby proclaim March 29 to April 4 as 2020 Census Response Week in Baca County, a time for conducting local initiatives, promotional activities and self response sites. The week is a dedicated time for the following:

**Educate** residents for a high self- response rate and an accurate, complete count in Baca County.

**Encourage** residents to respond to invitations by mail, online or by phone.

**Engage** residents by coordinating with the Baca County Complete Count Committee for opportunities to speak about why the 2020 Census is important, easy, and safe in schools, government offices and community centers.

**Where** adequate space is available, host self response sites for responding online or by phone.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the foregoing Proclamation was adopted by the following vote:

Commissioner Glen R. Ausmus	<u>Yes</u>
Commissioner Shiloh Freed	<u>Yes</u>
Commissioner Rick Butler	<u>Yes</u>

Done this 5<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2020.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF BACA COUNTY, COLORADO

By Glen R. Ausmus  
Glen R. Ausmus, Chair

ATTEST:

By Sharon Dubois  
County Clerk and Recorder

By Shiloh Freed  
Shiloh Freed, Commissioner

By Rick Butler  
Rick Butler, Commissioner