

**FROM THE OFFICES OF
MAYOR ASHLEY SWEARENGIN
AND THE FRESNO CITY COUNCIL**

PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS,** the U.S. Constitution requires a national census once every 10 years to count the nation's population; and
- WHEREAS,** the first census took place in 1790 to determine the number of seats each state would hold in the U.S. House of Representatives; and
- WHEREAS,** the census also was created to gain a better understanding of where people lived and to establish patterns of settlement as the nation grew; and
- WHEREAS,** the census is a count of everyone residing in the United States and all residents must be counted, both citizens and non citizens; and
- WHEREAS,** every year the federal government allocates more than \$400 billion to states and communities based, in part, on census data; and
- WHEREAS,** census data are used to determine locations for businesses, schools, hospitals, new housing developments and other common facilities; and
- WHEREAS,** census data are also used to determine boundaries for state and local legislative and congressional districts; and
- WHEREAS,** the City of Fresno strongly encourages all residents to complete a 2010 Census questionnaire to ensure that our community receives the maximum benefits available based on the data collected.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that we, Mayor Ashley Swearengin and the Fresno City Council, do hereby proclaim April 1, 2010, to be:

“CENSUS DAY”

in the City of Fresno.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands and affixed the Seal of the City of Fresno, California, this 1st day of April, 2010.

ASHLEY SWEARENGIN, Mayor

LARRY WESTERLUND, Council President

BLONG XIONG, Councilmember

ANDREAS BORGEAS, Councilmember

CYNTHIA STERLING, Councilmember

MIKE DAGES, Councilmember

LEE BRAND, Councilmember

HENRY T. PEREA, Councilmember