

RESOLUTION NO. 808

A RESOLUTION AFFIRMING SUPPORT OF
AND PARTNERSHIP WITH THE 2010 CENSUS

WHEREAS, the U.S. Census Bureau is required by the Constitution of the United States of America to conduct a count of the population and provides a historic opportunity for the City of Lynden to help shape the foundation of our society and play an active role in American democracy; and

WHEREAS, the City of Lynden is committed to ensuring every resident is counted; and

WHEREAS, more than \$300 billion per year in federal and state funding is allocated to communities, and decisions are made on matters of national and local importance based on census data, including healthcare, community development, housing, education, transportation, social services, employment, and much more; and

WHEREAS, census data determine 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 hundreds of thousands of jobs across the nation; and

WHEREAS, every Census Bureau worker takes a lifetime oath to protect confidentiality and ensure that data identifying respondents or their household not be released or shared for 72 years; and

WHEREAS, a united voice from businesses, government, community-based and faith-based organizations, educators, media and others will allow the 2010 Census message to reach a broader audience, providing trusted advocates who can spark positive conversations about the 2010 Census;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE LYNDEN CITY COUNCIL:

Section 1: Supports the goals and ideals for the 2010 Census and will disseminate 2010 Census information to encourage participation.

Section 2: Asks its affiliates and membership to partner together to achieve an accurate and complete count.

Section 3: Encourages people within the City of Lynden to participate in events and initiatives that will raise overall awareness of the 2010 Census and increase participation among all populations.

Section 4: **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that any resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict herewith are hereby repealed insofar as they conflict with the provisions of this resolution.

Section 5: If any section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this Resolution is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Resolution. The Council hereby declares that it would have passed this code and each section, subsection, sentence, clause and phrase thereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections, subsections, sentences, clauses or phrases has been declared invalid or unconstitutional, and if, for any reason, this Resolution should be declared invalid or unconstitutional, then the original Resolution or Resolutions shall be in full force and effect.

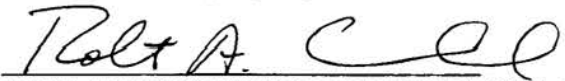
PASSED BY THE LYNDEN CITY COUNCIL BY AN AFFIRMATIVE VOTE, 5 IN FAVOR AND 0 AGAINST, AND SIGNED BY THE MAYOR THIS 22 DAY OF July, 2009.


MAYOR JACK LOUWS

ATTEST:


CITY CLERK WILLIAM VERWOLF

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


CITY ATTORNEY ROBERT CARMICHAEL