

PROCLAMATION

Office of the Mayor
Bridgewater, New Jersey

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

WHEREAS, the 2010 Census reported 44,464 residents living in the Township of Bridgewater;

WHEREAS, the Township of Bridgewater, working in coordination with the County of Somerset and State of New Jersey, is committed to ensuring every resident is counted in the 2020 Census;

WHEREAS, federal and state funding is allocated to communities, and decisions are made on matters of national and local importance based, in part, on census data;

WHEREAS, census data help determine how many seats each state will have in the U.S. House of Representatives and are necessary for an accurate and fair redistricting of state legislative seats;

WHEREAS, a united voice from business, government, community-based and faith-based organizations, educators, media and others will enable the 2020 Census message to reach more of our residents;

WHEREAS, the information collected by the census is confidential and protected by law;

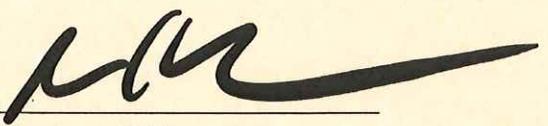
WHEREAS, the 2020 Census will feature new technology that will allow respondents to answer Census questions online in addition to by phone or on paper;

WHEREAS, residents will receive invitations to complete the 2020 Census via mail during March 2020, reflecting the population within each household as of April 1, 2020;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that March 2020 is hereby designated "**Census Awareness Month**" in the Township of Bridgewater and April 1, 2020 is hereby designated "**Census Day**" in the Township of Bridgewater to encourage all residents to promptly respond to the 2020 Census and help ensure a complete count of residents.



March 1, 2020


Matthew C. Moench
Mayor