

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-030

A RESOLUTION BY THE CLARKSTON CITY COUNCIL, RESPONDING TO THE TRUMP ADMINISTRATION'S ATTEMPT TO EXCLUDE UNDOCUMENTED PERSONS FROM THE 2020 CENSUS COUNT APPORTIONMENT BASE AND RECOGNIZING THE IMPORTANCE OF COUNTING ALL PERSONS IN THE 2020 CENSUS.

WHEREAS, the U.S. Constitution mandates a decennial count of the whole number of persons in each state, and such census count is used to apportion congressional seats in the U.S. House of Representatives based on population and by extension, political representation and federal resources at the state and local level; and

WHEREAS, on July 21, 2020, President Trump issued a memorandum directing the Secretary of Commerce, who oversees the U.S. Census Bureau, to provide data regarding citizenship and immigration status for the purpose of using this data to exclude undocumented persons from the census apportionment count; and

WHEREAS, the City of Clarkston, GA, is a vibrant community of 13,500 people located in DeKalb County, Georgia. Clarkston is proud of its ethnic diversity with half the population born outside the U.S., hailing from over 50 countries across 6 continents. The city proudly boasts of being the most diverse square mile in America.

WHEREAS, given the City's large immigrant population, some of who may be undocumented, the Trump Administration's threatened actions would in effect erase a segment of the population from the census count, which would deprive the City and its residents of fair political representation and adequate federal funding that is commensurate with the City's total population.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CLARKSTON, GEORGIA, DOES HEREBY RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The City of Clarkston hereby recognizes that our U.S. Constitution and laws mandate the Census counts all persons, regardless of citizenship or immigration status, to ensure a complete, fair and accurate 2020 Census.

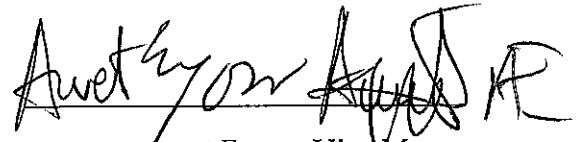
SECTION 2. The City of Clarkston is firmly committed to the inclusion of all persons counted in the 2020 Census for purposes of apportionment and redistricting as constitutionally and legally mandated.

SECTION 3. The City of Clarkston is strongly opposed to any efforts to exclude immigrants from the census, apportionment or redistricting numbers.

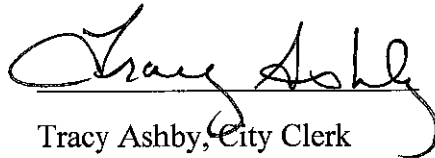
SECTION 4. The City of Clarkston, GA, hereby proudly joins the plaintiffs, including the Cities of Atlanta, GA; Dayton, OH; El Paso, TX; Paterson, NJ; Portland, OR; and South Pasadena, CA in the complaint *Common Cause, et al v. President Donald Trump, et al*, to uphold the constitutional and legal right of all persons residing in the United States to be counted in the Census.

SO RESOLVED, this 15th day of September, 2020.

CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF CLARKSTON, GEORGIA


Awet Eyasu, Vice Mayor

ATTEST:


Tracy Ashby, City Clerk