

City of Charlotte, North Carolina Proclamation

WHEREAS, the United States Census Bureau has conducted a census every 10 years since 1790 to estimate the population and to secure general statistical information about the people living in America; and

WHEREAS, the information from the census is used to create a population profile, identify trends and changes among the population, allocate Congressional seats, electoral votes, and government program funding; and

WHEREAS, the first census estimated the population of the United States at 3.9 million the 2000 Census counted 281.4 million residents, an increase of 13.2 percent from the 1990 Census, and is the largest census-to-census increase in American history; and

WHEREAS, the 2000 Census also identified the South region of the U.S. as growing at the second-fastest rate in the country, increasing the South region's population share from 31 to 36 percent, resulting in the reapportionment of one additional seat to the state of North Carolina in the U.S. House of Representatives; and

WHEREAS, the Charlotte population has grown to include an estimated 687,456 people, making Charlotte the 18th largest city in the nation and the largest city in the state of North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, information from the census results in the allocation of more than \$400 billion per year in federal and state funding to local communities, and impacts decisions on matters of national and local importance, including healthcare, community development, emergency response, housing, education, transportation, social services, employment and much more; and

WHEREAS, participation from businesses, government, community-based and faith-based organizations, educators, media and others will allow the 2010 Census message to reach all residents of Charlotte and provide trusted advocates who can spark positive conversations about and increased participation in the 2010 Census:

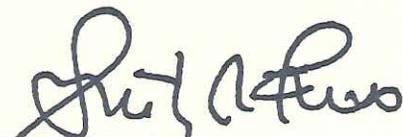
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Anthony R. Foxx, Mayor of Charlotte, do hereby proclaim March 2010 as

“2010 Census Awareness Month”

in Charlotte and commend its observance to all citizens.

WITNESS MY HAND and the official Seal of the City of Charlotte.





Anthony R. Foxx
Mayor