



2020 South Dakota Legislature

House Concurrent Resolution 6013

*Introduced by: **Representative** David Johnson*

1 **A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION, Urging all South Dakotans to participate in the 2020**
2 **United States Census.**

3 WHEREAS, section 2 of Article I of the Constitution of the United States of America
4 proclaims that representation shall be apportioned among the several states according to
5 their respective populations, which shall be enumerated on a term of every ten years; and

6 WHEREAS, South Dakota's leaders are dedicated to ensuring that every South Dakotan is
7 counted once, only once, and in the right place; and

8 WHEREAS, the next enumeration will be April 1, 2020, and will be the first to rely heavily
9 on online responses; and

10 WHEREAS, the primary and perpetual challenge facing the United States Census Bureau
11 is the undercount of the American population; and

12 WHEREAS, that challenge is amplified in South Dakota, given the size of the state and the
13 diversity of our communities; and

14 WHEREAS, a complete and accurate count of South Dakota's population is essential; and

15 WHEREAS, the data collected by the decennial census determines the number of United
16 States congressional representatives for each state and is used to distribute 675 billion dollars
17 in federal funds to state, local, and tribal governments; and

18 WHEREAS, the data is used in the redistricting of the state Legislature, county
19 commissions, and city councils; and

20 WHEREAS, the decennial census is a massive undertaking that requires cross-sector
21 collaboration and partnership in order to achieve a complete and accurate count; and

1 WHEREAS, the accuracy of the decennial census requires the critical cooperation and
2 coordination between tribal, city, county, and state governments, community-based
3 organizations, and many others; and

4 WHEREAS, the United States Census Bureau is facing increasing challenges with the 2020
5 Census, including a constrained fiscal environment, a rapidly changing use of technology,
6 declining response rates, and an increasingly diverse and mobile population; and

7 WHEREAS, the South Dakota State Legislature, in partnership with other local
8 governments, businesses, schools, and community organizations, is committed to robust
9 outreach and communication, focusing on reaching every South Dakotan;

10 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the House of Representatives of the Ninety-Fifth
11 Legislature of the State of South Dakota, the Senate concurring therein, that the Legislature
12 recognizes the constitutionality and importance of the 2020 United States Census and
13 supports a complete, fair, and accurate count of all South Dakotans.