



COMMITTING EFFORTS TO COUNT HARD TO COUNT COMMUNITIES

Committee: Social and Economic Justice

Resolution: SEJ-17-05

1. **WHEREAS**, the vital information provided by the Census is integral to many municipal
2. activities such as community planning, redistricting, population estimates, and providing
3. data for federal grant formulas;¹
4. **WHEREAS**, information and data gathered from the Census is used for resource
5. allocation toward state and federal funds;²
6. **WHEREAS**, cities are concerned that the Census produce the most accurate and timely
7. information possible; and³
8. **WHEREAS**, Public Law 94-171, established by Congress in 1975, requires the U.S.
9. Census Bureau to provide state legislatures with the small area census population
10. tabulations necessary for legislative redistricting;⁴
11. **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that NOBEL Women will work with local
12. governments and community organizations such as churches, fraternities and sororities,
13. nonprofits and the like to form enumerating coalitions, that will work to ensure that Hard
14. to Count (HTC) communities are educated and counted adequately;

¹ National Municipal Policy

² Id

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⁴ www.census.gov/rdo/about_the_program

15. **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that NOBEL Women will collaborate with local
16. Census Bureau offices to aid and support the work of these communities through and
17. beyond Census 2020;

18. **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that NOBEL Women supports efforts to have the
19. United States Congress create a Commission on the Census in partnership with the
20. current Administration.

21. **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that this Commission should be comprised of
22. members of both the executive and legislative branches of the U.S. government, in
23. addition to state and city officials.

24. **BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED**, that regardless of whether the Commission assembles,
25. the United States federal government should create and establish a separate advisory team
26. composed of both state and local officials, with the purpose of advising, developing, and
27. administering census programs.

Introduced by: Rep. Juandalynn Givan (AL)