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RESOLUTION 2000-2

WHEREAS, a decennial census of every resident is required under Article I, Section 2 of the U.S. Constitution, and

WHEREAS, an accurate census is essential to Pennsylvania's representation of the U.S. House of Representatives, and impacts Pennsylvania's voting districts; and

WHEREAS, in 1998, Pennsylvania and its municipalities received 12 billion dollars in federal funds which are a direct result of the Census count; and

WHEREAS, Berks County received funds in 1998 from federal grant and loan programs that require Census data as part of their funding formulas for distribution; and

WHEREAS, Census data is used for investment job development and marketing guidance and to determine the impact of educational, health and social programs; and

WHEREAS, individual and family information is held completely confidential by laws supported by court rulings at all levels and is never released even to other units of local, state or federal governments except in large statistical totals, or to family members after 72 years for genealogical purposes only; and

WHEREAS, the next Decennial Census will be taken in the Year 2000; and

WHEREAS, in order to insure that everyone residing in Tulpehocken Township is accurately counted in the Year 2000 Census, it is in the best interests of Tulpehocken Township's Board of Supervisors to support the Berks County's Census 2000 Complete Count Committee; and

WHEREAS, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, the Pennsylvania State Association of Township Supervisors and the U.S. Census Bureau, also recommend that representatives from numerous groups, organizations, and agencies be appointed to said committee.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Tulpehocken Township Board of Supervisors that it hereby (supports the Township's Census 2000 Complete Count Committee) to partner with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, the Pennsylvania State Association of Township Supervisors, and the U.S. Census Bureau, to ensure that every resident in Tulpehocken Township, is counted in the Year 2000 Census;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the certified copies of this resolution shall be forwarded to the Governor's Center for Local Government Services, Pennsylvania State Association of Township Supervisors and the U.S. Census Bureau.

Tulpehocken Township Board of Supervisors

Ronald S. Whitman
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Dated: *January 10, 2000*